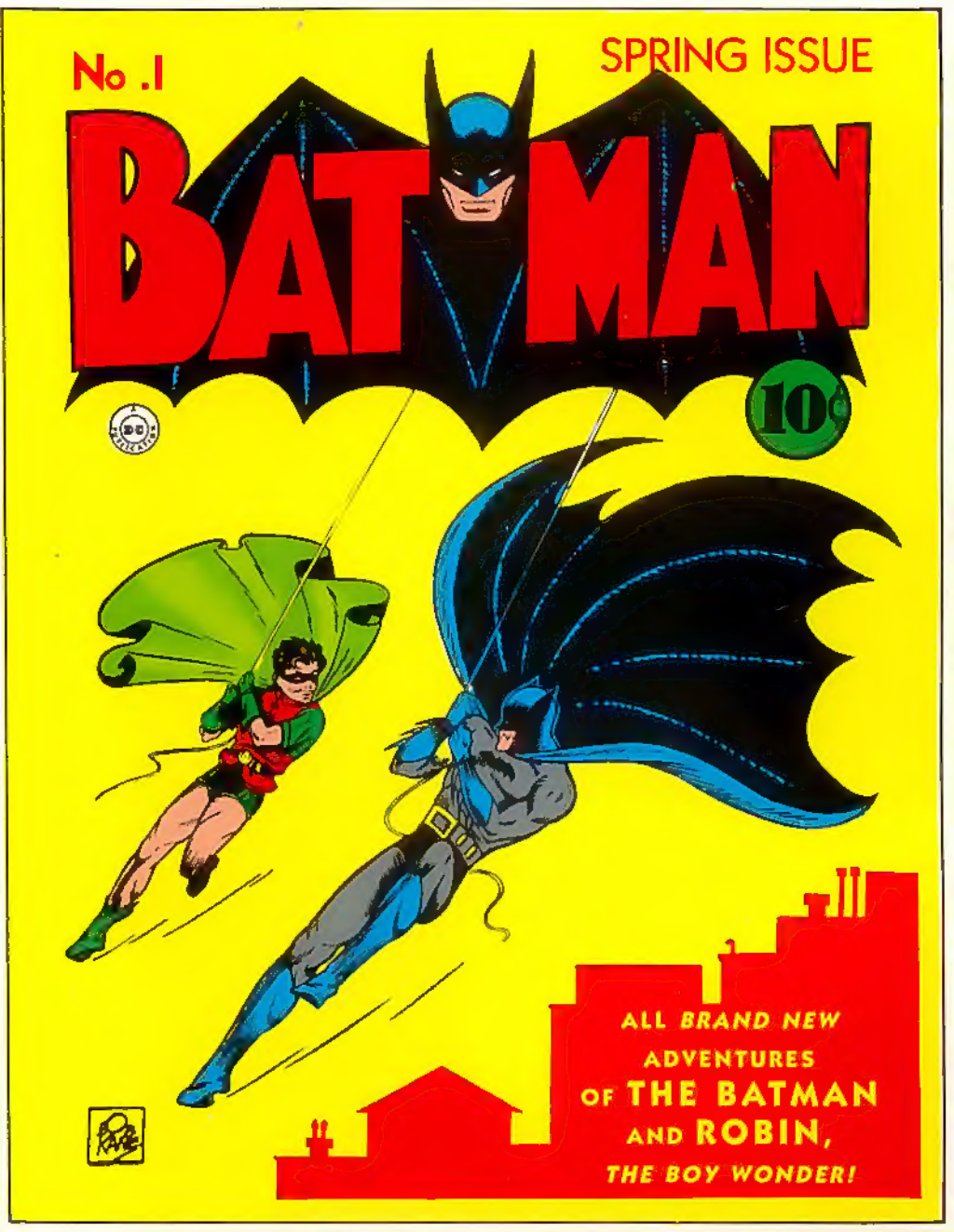
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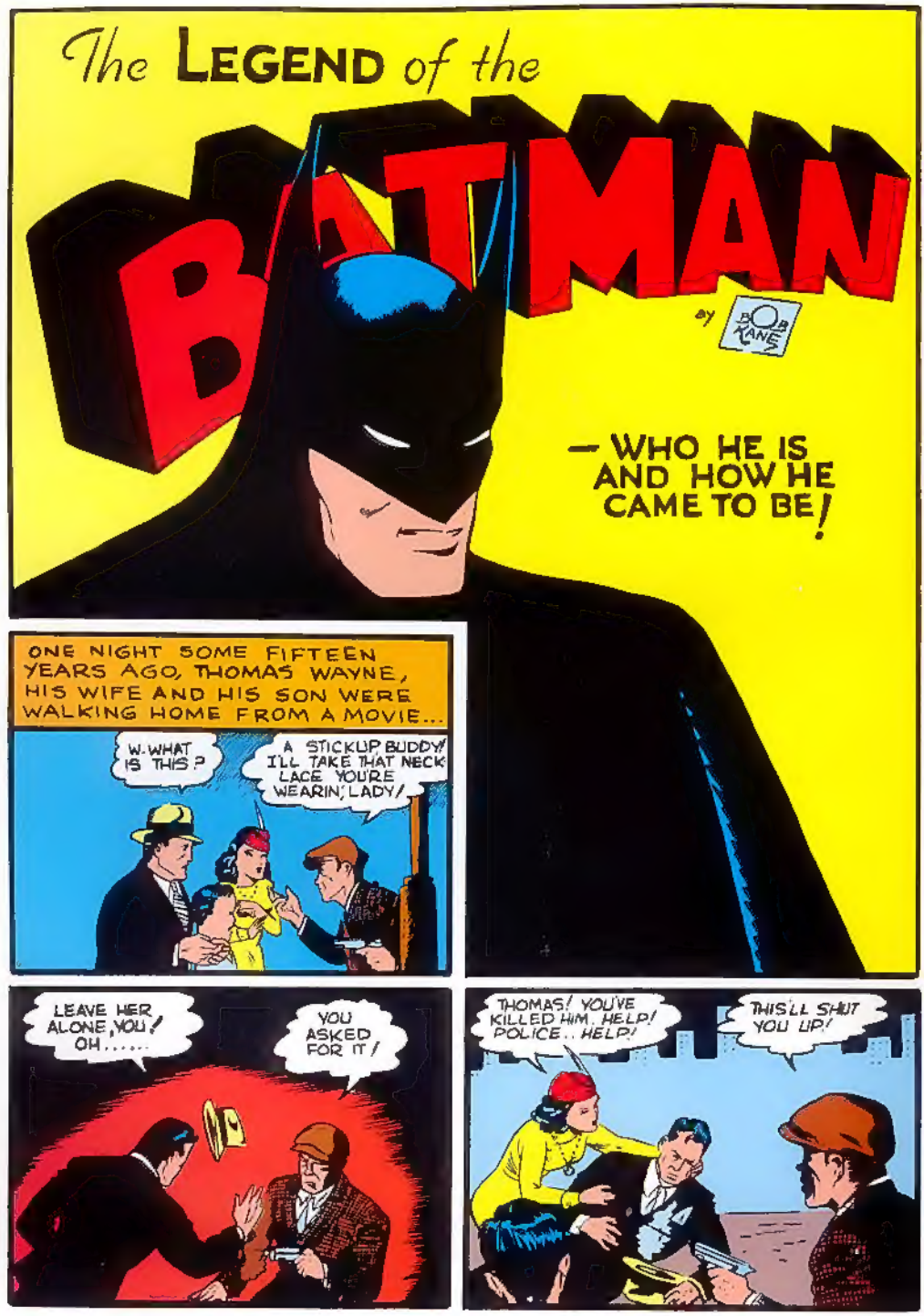
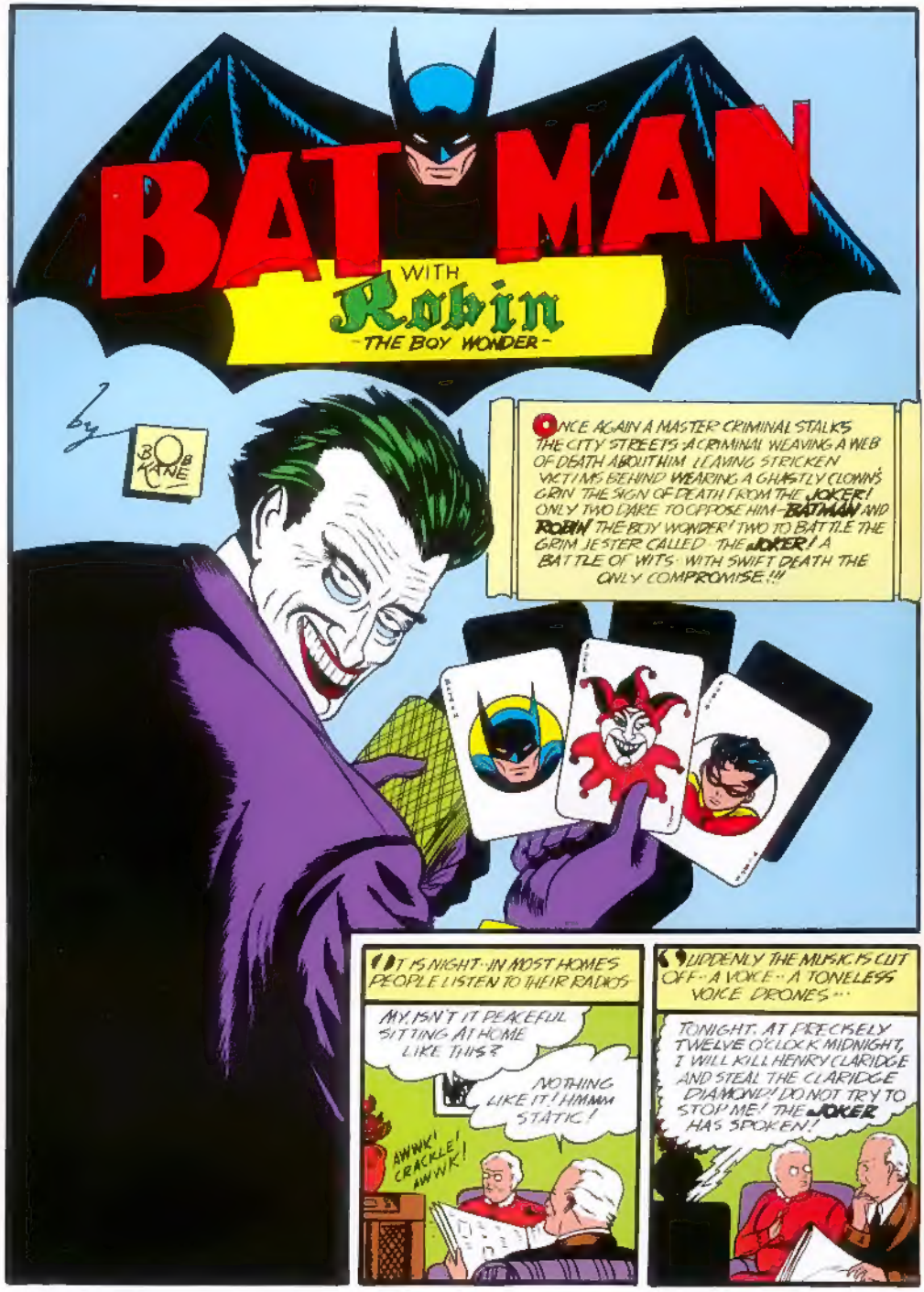

The LEGEND of the
BATMAN
by BOB KANE
— WHO HE IS AND HOW HE CAME TO BE!
ONE NIGHT SOME FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, THOMAS WAYNE, HIS WIFE AND HIS SON WERE WALKING HOME FROM A MOVIE...
W. WHAT IS THIS?
A STICKUP BUDDY! I'LL TAKE THAT NECK LACE YOU'RE WEARIN', LADY!
LEAVE HER ALONE, YOU! OH.....
YOU ASKED FOR IT!
THOMAS! YOU'VE KILLED HIM. HELP! POLICE.. HELP!
THIS'LL SHUT YOU UP!

THE BOY'S EYES ARE WIDE WITH TERROR AND SHOCK AS THE HORRIBLE SCENE IS SPREAD BEFORE HIM.
FATHER.. MOTHER!
...DEAD! THEY'RE D..DEAD
DAYS LATER A CURIOUS AND STRANGE SCENE TAKES PLACE.
AND I SWEAR BY THE SPIRITS OF MY PARENTS TO AVENGE THEIR DEATHS BY SPENDING THE REST OF MY LIFE WARRING ON ALL CRIMINALS
AS THE YEARS PASS, BRUCE WAYNE PREPARES HIMSELF FOR HIS CAREER. HE BECOMES A MASTER SCIENTIST.
TRAINS HIS BODY TO PHYSICAL PERFECTION UNTIL HE IS ABLE TO PERFORM AMAZING ATHLETIC FEATS.
DAD'S ESTATE LEFT ME WEALTHY. I AM READY. BUT FIRST I MUST HAVE A DISGUISE.
CRIMINALS ARE A SUPERSTITIOUS COWARDLY LOT, SO MY DISGUISE MUST BE ABLE TO STRIKE TERROR INTO THEIR HEARTS! I MUST BE A CREATURE OF THE NIGHT, BLACK, TERRIBLE.. A..A..
AS IF IN ANSWER, A HUGE BAT FLIES IN THE OPEN WINDOW!
A BAT! THAT'S IT! IT'S AN OMEN.. I SHALL BECOME A BAT!
AND THUS IS BORN THIS WEIRD FIGURE OF THE DARK.. THIS AVENGER OF EVIL.. THE BATMAN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ONCE AGAIN A MASTER CRIMINAL STALKS THE CITY STREETS A CRIMINAL WEAVING A WEB OF DEATH ABOUT HIM LEAVING STRICKEN VICTIMS BEHIND WEARING A GHASTLY CLOWN'S GRIN THE SIGN OF DEATH FROM THE JOKER! ONLY TWO DARE TO OPPOSE HIM - BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER! TWO TO BATTLE THE GRIM JESTER CALLED THE JOKER! A BATTLE OF WITS WITH SWIFT DEATH THE ONLY COMPROMISE!!!
IT IS NIGHT... IN MOST HOMES PEOPLE LISTEN TO THEIR RADIOS
MY, ISN'T IT PEACEFUL SITTING AT HOME LIKE THIS?
NOTHING LIKE IT! HMMM STATIC!
AWWK! CRACKLE! AWWK!
SUDDENLY THE MUSIC IS CUT OFF... A VOICE... A TONELESS VOICE DRONES...
TONIGHT, AT PRECISELY TWELVE O'CLOCK MIDNIGHT, I WILL KILL HENRY CLARIDGE AND STEAL THE CLARIDGE DIAMOND! DO NOT TRY TO STOP ME! THE JOKER HAS SPOKEN!

THEN ONCE AGAIN MUSIC....
HENRY, DID YOU HEAR? HENRY CLARIDGE, THE MILLIONAIRE, TO BE KILLED. THE FAMOUS DIAMOND STOLEN!
HAW! THAT'S JUST A GAG - LIKE THAT FELLOW WHO SCARED EVERYBODY WITH THAT STORY ABOUT MARS THE LAST TIME! HA! HA! PAY NO ATTENTION TO IT, DEAR!
RADIO STATIONS ARE SWAMPED WITH CALLS! OFFICIALS DECLARE THE STRANGE MESSAGE IS NOT A PART OF THE PROGRAM. THE GAG HAS BECOME A REALITY!
HENRY CLARIDGE, FRANTIC WITH FEAR, CALLS THE POLICE
YOU'VE GOT TO PROTECT ME! I'M GOING TO BE KILLED - ROBBED!
DON'T WORRY, MR. CLARIDGE. YOU AND THAT DIAMOND OF YOURS WILL BE SAFE ENOUGH! WE'LL ALL STAY IN THE SAME ROOM WHERE THE DIAMOND IS KEPT, AND WATCH YOU.
BONG! BONG!
ELEVEN O'CLOCK! ONE HOUR TO GO!
AN INFLEXIBLE CORDON IS FORMED ABOUT THE DOOMED MAN!
TIME DRAGS ON. SECONDS MINUTES THEN THE FATAL HOUR TWELVE O'CLOCK!
I'M STILL ALIVE! I'M NOT DEAD! I'M SAFE!...
SLOWLY THE FACIAL MUSCLES PULL THE DEAD MAN'S MOUTH INTO A REPELLANT, GHASTLY GRIN. THE SIGN OF DEATH FROM THE JOKER!
IT'S - IT'S HORRIBLE!
GROTESQUE! THE JOKER BRINGS DEATH TO HIS VICTIMS WITH A SMILE!
THE JOKER HAS FULFILLED HIS THREAT. CLARIDGE IS DEAD!!
THEN WITHOUT WARNING!
..I'M SAAA- AAGH! AAGH..!
DEAD - IT ISN'T POSSIBLE AND YET...
CHIEF! LOOK HIS MOUTH!
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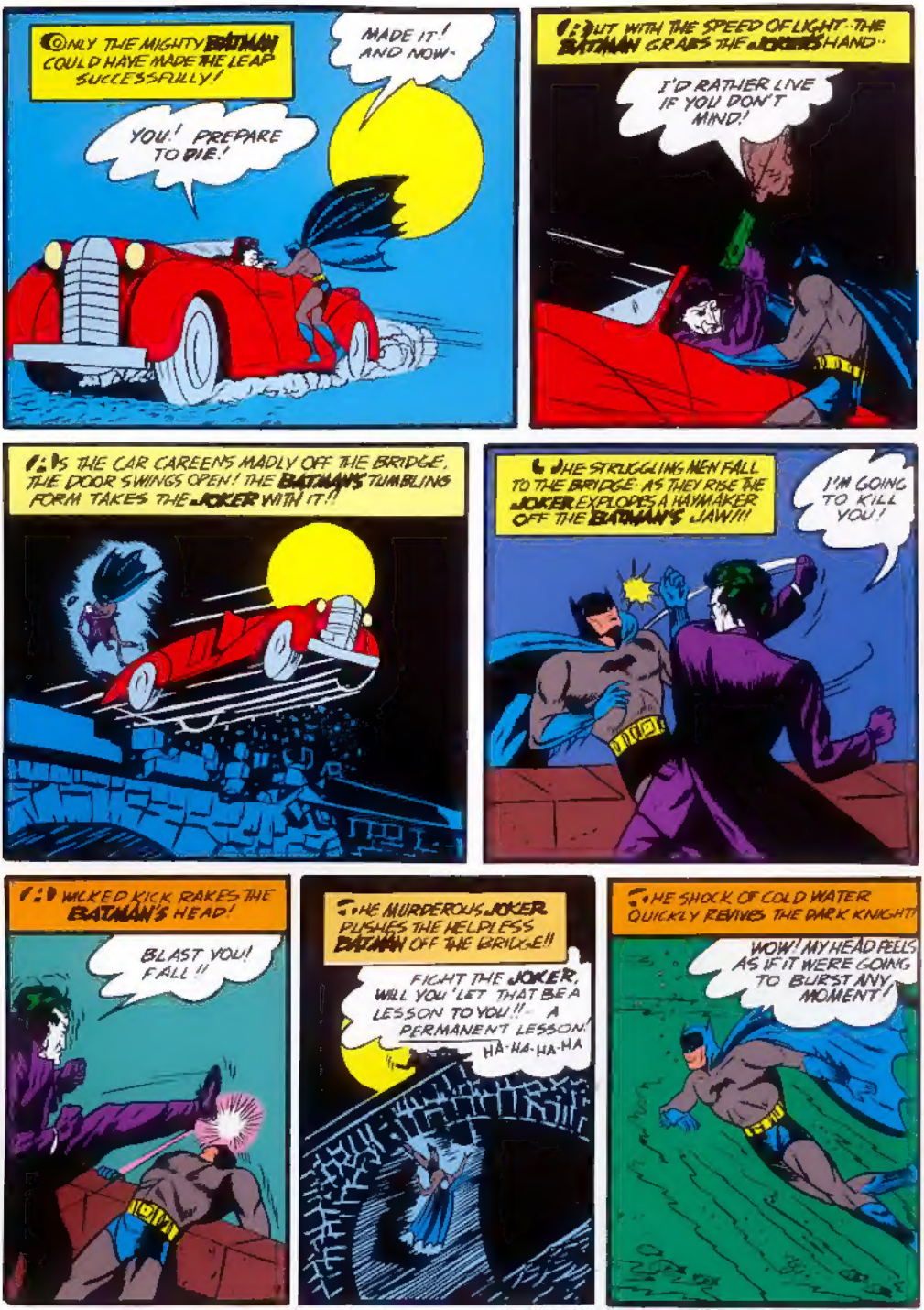
WHAT NOW, CHIEF?
THE CLARIDGE DIAMOND! IF THE JOKER KILLED CLARIDGE, HE MUST HAVE THE DIAMOND!
BUT HOW COULD HE? WE WERE IN THE ROOM ALL THE TIME!
THE DIAMOND! THE JOKER DIDN'T GET IT AFTER ALL!
HE DID GET IT! THIS IS A PHONEY! IT'S GLASS!
CHIEF! I FOUND SOMETHING IN HERE! IT WAS UNDERNEATH THE CASE!
THE SIGN OF THE JOKER!
NOT FAR AWAY SITS A MAN - A MAN WITH A CHANGELESS, MASK-LIKE FACE BUT FOR THE EYES... BURNING, HATE-FILLED EYES!
THE CLARIDGE DIAMOND-MINE! THOSE BUMBLING POLICE- HOW THEY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW I MANAGED IT! AND HOW I SHOULD LIKE TO SHOUT THE ANSWER INTO THEIR STUPID FACES!
A SOLUTION INJECTED INTO SLEEPING CLARIDGE AT TWELVE LAST NIGHT - A SOLUTION THAT KILLS IN EXACTLY TWENTY-FOUR HOURS SO THAT HE DIED AT TWELVE TONIGHT!
THEY'LL FIND THE GLASS DIAMOND TONIGHT, THAT I EXCHANGED FOR THE REAL ONE LAST NIGHT! A PREDICTION ON THE PATTERN OF A CRIME THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE!
A MAN SMILES A SMILE WITHOUT MIRTH - RATHER A SMILE OF DEATH! THE AWESOME, GHASTLY GRIN OF - THE JOKER!
IF THE POLICE EXPECT TO PLAY AGAINST THE JOKER, THEY HAD BEST BE PREPARED TO BE DEALT FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE DECK.
NEWSPAPERS-RADIOS ALL SCREAM THE STORY OF THE RUTHLESS, CUNNING CRIMINAL THE JOKER! AT HOME BRUCE WAYNE, THE BATMAN, SPEAKS WITH HIS YOUNG AID, DICK GRAYSON, KNOWN AS ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER!
BUT BRUCE, WHY DON'T WE TAKE A SHOT AT THIS JOKER GUY?
NOT YET, DICK. THE TIME ISN'T RIPE. BUT WHEN WE DO...

ANOTHER NIGHT ANOTHER BREAK AGAIN THE SAME DEADLY MOCKING VOICE..
IT'S NINE NOW! AT TEN O'CLOCK THAT FIEND WILL KILL JAY WILDE!
AHWK ..TONIGHT IN EXACTLY ONE HOUR I WILL KILL JAY WILDE AND STEAL THE RONKERS RUBY! THE JOKER HAS SPOKEN!
IT'S HIM AGAIN THE JOKER!
AGAIN A WALL OF HUMANS ENCIRCLES A DOOMED MAN!!
I'M GOING TO DIE! IN FIVE MINUTES I'M GOING TO DIE! DIE! DIE!
THE TOLL OF TIME THE FATAL HOUR!
BONG BONG
TEN! IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NOW! THE CLOCK IS TICKING MY LIFE AWAY!
A STRANGLED SCREAM-DEATH!
AAGH
..FOLLOWED BY A STRANGE GAS...
FROM THE ARMOR THE JOKER!!!
LUCKY FOR THE POLICE THAT THE VENOM SPRAY ONLY PARALYSES FOR THE WHILE, ELSE THEY WOULD HAVE PERISHED LIKE WILDE! HE HAD NO SPRAY BUT A POISONED DART!
YOU HAD THE CONCENTRATED VENOM ON THE DART, EH, WILDE? DIDN'T YOU EH? ARE YOU SO HAPPY THAT YOU SMILE FOR JOY. EH? I'M GLAD I HAVE BROUGHT YOU SO MUCH CHEER.
THE DIABOLICAL JOKER REMOVES THE ARMOR STEALS THE RONKERS RUBY.
THANK YOU, ALL GENTLEMEN YOU HAVE ME HAPPY TOO! WE SHALL MEET AGAIN!

THE POLICE SEARCH EVERYWHERE FOR THE JOKER BUT TO NO AVAIL. BUT ANOTHER GROUP IS ALSO INTERESTED THE CRIMINAL ... A HANGOUT NOTED FOR ITS CRIMINAL ELEMENT ..
I TELL YA, BOYS, WE GOTTA GET THIS GUY, THE JOKER!
WE GET THE CLARIDGE DIAMOND LINED UP FOR AN EASY JOB AND HE PULLS THE JOB!
YOU'RE RIGHT, BRUTE, HE'S CUTTIN' IN ON OUR RACKET!
AND DON'T FORGET WE WE'VE GONNA TRY FOR THE RONKERS, KUBY!
WHAT RE WE GONNA DO, TAKE IT LYIN' DOWN?
I GOT AN IDEA! YOU GUYS GO OUT AND PASS THE WORD AROUND THAT BRUTE NELSON IS GONNA GET THE JOKER THAT HE THINKS THE JOKER IS A YELLER RAT!
THE SENSATIONAL NEWS THAT BRUTE NELSON IS GUNNING FOR THE JOKER TRAVELS THE CRIMINAL GRAPE VINE THE BATMAN IS READY TO GO INTO ACTION!
I'M GOING TO THE HOME OF BRUTE NELSON' I HEARD SOME NEWS TODAY OVER THE GRAPEVINE THAT MAKES ME THINK THE TIME IS RIPE!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING ALONE?
IT IS NIGHT - BRUTE NELSON SITS IN HIS PRIVATE HOUSE IN THE SUBURBS.
THE JOKER EH WHEN I GET THROUGH WITH HIM HE'LL BE A JOKE ALL RIGHT!
SUDDENLY A DRONING GRAVE VOICE A FUNEREAL FACE WITH EYES RADIATING HATE
TALKING ABOUT ME?
THE JOKER!
SUDDENLY DOORS BURST OPEN - THE JOKER IS TRAPPED!!
VERY NEAT THAT UGLY HEAD OF YOURS DOES HAVE A BRAIN!
SURE. I KNEW IF YOU GOT SORE ENOUGH YOU'D COME FOR ME!
SUDDENLY THE SLEEPE OF A FOOT IS HEARD UP ON THE STAIR THE MIGHTY BATMAN!
I'M AFRAID I WASN'T AS SILENT AS I HOPED TO BE!
THE BATMAN! HOW DID HE GET IN HERE?
THE JOKER IS MOMENTARILY FORGOTTEN AS THE BATMAN LEAPS DOWN THE STAIRS ..
LOOK OUT!... SHOOT HIM!

A HUMAN AVALANCHE STRIKES THE GUNMEN!
RATHER UNSTEADY ON YOUR FEET, AREN'T YOU?
A MASSIVE FIST CRASHES AGAINST A GUNMAN'S JAW!
THE JOKER TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE FIGHT TO SETTLE AN OLD SCORE!
HAVE A SEAT, BOYS! THERE'S ENOUGH ROOM ON THIS CHAIR FOR TWO!
I WON'T EVEN WASTE THE USUAL "JOKER" VENOM ON YOU, BRUTE, BUT GIVE YOU SOMETHING YOU CAN UNDERSTAND! LEAD!
LIKE A JUGGERNAUT THE BATMAN LEAPS AFTER THE RUTHLESS JOKER!!
THAT GUY ISN'T GETTING AWAY IF I CAN HELP IT!
EVEN AS THE CAR STARTS THE BATMAN IS UPON IT LIKE AN AVENGING BLACK CLOUD!
HASN'T THIS BOY HEARD IT'S LEAP YEAR?


ONLY THE MIGHTY BATMAN COULD HAVE MADE THE LEAP SUCCESSFULLY!
MADE IT! AND NOW-
YOU! PREPARE TO DIE!
BUT WITH THE SPEED OF LIGHT THE BATMAN GRABS THE JOKER'S HAND..
I'D RATHER LIVE IF YOU DON'T MIND!
AS THE CAR CAREENS MADLY OFF THE BRIDGE, THE DOOR SWINGS OPEN! THE BATMAN'S TUMBLING FORM TAKES THE JOKER WITH IT!!
THE STRUGGLING MEN FALL TO THE BRIDGE AS THEY RISE THE JOKER EXPLODES A HAYMAKER OFF THE BATMAN'S JAW!!!
I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!
A WICKED KICK RAKES THE BATMAN'S HEAD!
BLAST YOU! FALL!!
THE MURDEROUS JOKER PUSHES THE HELPLESS BATMAN OFF THE BRIDGE!!
FIGHT THE JOKER, WILL YOU! LET THAT BE A LESSON TO YOU!!... A PERMANENT LESSON!
HA-HA-HA-HA
THE SHOCK OF COLD WATER QUICKLY REVIVES THE DARK KNIGHT!
WOW! MY HEAD FEELS AS IF IT WERE GOING TO BURST ANY MOMENT!

IT SEEMS I'VE AT LAST MET A FOE THAT CAN GIVE ME A GOOD FIGHT! HOWEVER I'M NOT LICKED YET! NOT QUITE!
ONCE MORE THE JOKER DELIVERS HIS MESSAGE OF DOOM!
JUDGE DRAKE YOU ONCE SENT ME TO PRISON FOR THAT YOU WILL DIE! DEATH! I WILL COME AT TEN! THE JOKER HAS SPOKEN!
TWO HOURS!
IT'S NOW EIGHT O'CLOCK!
JUDGE DRAKE'S HOME
LISTEN JUDGE, I'VE GOT MEN POSTED OUTSIDE EVERY DOOR! NO ONE CAN GET IN! RELAX! LET'S PLAY SOME CARDS!
NINE O'CLOCK! ONE MORE HOUR TO LIVE!
THE MINUTES FLY
IT'S YOUR BET, JUDGE!
YOU WIN I NEED THE ACE OF SPADES TO MAKE THE GAME!
THE JOKER!
YOU CAN'T WIN ANYWAY YOU SEE, I HOLD THE WINNING CARD!
THE JUDGE IS AGHAST AS HE LOOKS AT THE SUPPOSED POLICE CHIEF!
YOU THE POLICE CHIEF THE JOKER!
YES! BUT NOT QUITE THE POLICE CHIEF THE REAL CHIEF IS TRUSSED UP IN THE CELLAR! DISGUISE IS ALSO ONE OF MY MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS!
THE CLOCK TOLLS THE DEATH KNELL FOR ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE JOKER!
TEN O'CLOCK! THE VENOM WORKS WELL! ADIEU JUDGE OUR LITTLE GAME IS FINISHED!
ONE! BONG!
THE POLICE CHIEF GIVES ORDERS!
JUDGE DRAKE IS DEAD! THE JOKER HAS WON AGAIN! WATCH THE BODY. I'M GOING TO HEADQUARTERS!
DEAD! OKAY, CHIEF!

BUT AS HE EXITS HE IS SPIED ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER!
BATMAN TOLD ME TO FOLLOW ANYONE THAT COMES OUT OF THE JUDGE'S HOUSE SO HERE GOES!
ROBIN TRAILS THE MAN TO AN OLD, DESERTED HOUSE!
GOING INTO THAT HOUSE!
THE BOLD YOUNG DARE DEVIL ENTERS THE SINISTER DWELLING!!
CHEERFUL PLACE, I DON'T THINK!
IT'S QUIET ALMOST TOO QUIET!
CRUSHING BLOW FROM BEHIND
SNOOPER, EH?
BUT WHAT OF THE BATMAN?
THE BATMAN OUTSIDE OF THE JUDGE'S HOUSE, INSPECTS THE SCENE OF THE JOKER'S LATEST MURDER ...
ROBIN CAME MUST HAVE FOLLOWED A LEAD! I'LL USE THE INFRA-RED LAMP!
A RED LIGHT FLASHES OVER THE GROUND MIRACULOUSLY ROBIN'S FOOTSTEPS GLOW IN THE DARK!
THIS INVENTION OF MINE WILL COME IN HANDY NOW!
THE SOLES OF BOTH ROBIN AND THE BATMAN'S BOOTS ARE TREATED WITH A LUMINOUS CHEMICAL THAT GLOWS ONLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE INFRA-RED RAY!
NOW WE'LL SEE WHERE ROBIN WENT!

I JOKER DISGUISE REMOVED ONCE AGAIN THE JOKER PREPARES TO HAVE HIS LITTLE JOKE WHEN
NOT SO FAST FRIEND
AND NOW THE VENOM INTO YOUR WHAT?
DROP IT!
KLUBBING BLOW!
YOU MAY BE THE JOKER BUT I'M THE KING OF CLUBS!
SENDS THE JOKER CRASHING INTO THE CHEMICAL TABLE A FLASH OF ELECTRIC FLAME IGNITES THE CHEMICALS A BLAST THEN FIRE!
THE HARMLESS BUT PARALYSING GAS SPEWS FORTH
THE BATMANS JAW TIGHTENS INTO THE GHASTLY JOKER 'GRIN'!
I LEAVE YOU HERE PARALYSED TO PERISH IN THE FLAMES! ADIEU, BATMAN!
THE JOKER'S HAND STEALTHILY REACHES FOR THE SPRAY GUN THAT HAD FALLEN TO THE FLOOR!
INJECT ME WITH AN ANTIDOTE MAYBE ME MAYBE BATMAN BUT NOT YOU!

BUT THE JOKER HAS NOT RECKONED WITH THE AMAZING RECUPERATIVE POWERS OF THE MIGHTY BATMAN!
ROBIN TED GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!
AN ESCAPE FROM A FIERY DEATH!
A FEW MOMENTS LATER
HE BOASTED INSIDE THAT HE WAS GOING TO GET THE CLEOPATRA NECKLACE NEXT!
THE JOKER IS GONE! I'D GIVE ANYTHING TO KNOW WHERE!
THE CLEOPATRA NECKLACE! THAT'S OWNED BY OTTO DREXEL! C'MON THERE'S NOT A MOMENT TO LOSE WITH A MANIAC ON THE LOOSE!
OTTO DREXEL LIVES ON THE PENTHOUSE IN THAT BUILDING ACROSS THE STREET!
IF WE CAN ONLY GET UP THERE BEFORE THE JOKER DOES!
ON THE PENTHOUSE THE JOKER PREPARES TO ENTER
BUT LEAPING FROM THE SCARED OLD, THE COWLED BATMAN
STILL AT IT EH?

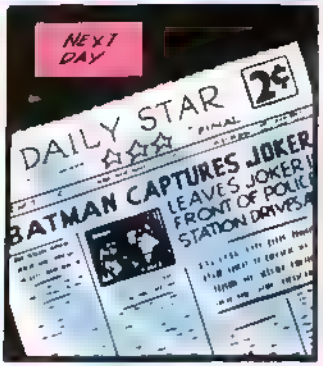
THE CRAZED KILLER WILDLY THROWS BULLET AFTER BULLET INTO THE ONCOMING FIGURE!
DIE--BLAST YOU--DIE! WHY DON'T YOU DIE!
HASN'T THE JOKER EVER HEARD OF A BULLET-PROOF VEST!
EMPTY!
CLICK!
CLICK!
THE MADMAN HURLS HIS GUN AT THE BATMAN!
I'LL KILL YOU!
IT SEEMS TO ME YOU'VE SAID THAT BEFORE AND NOW, MR JOKER, LET'S SEE IF YOU REALLY CAN FIGHT!
ZE EFO
THE MANIAC LEAPS FOR THE ADJOINING CONSTRUKTION
YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME BATMAN!
BUT THERE WAITING, ROBIN THE BOY WONDER!!
RIGHT, JOKER I'M THE ACE IN THE HOLE!
YOU TOO!
AS THE JOKER CLIMBS ON TO THE RIVETING PLATFORM HE LEAPS AT ROBIN WHO DROPS AND-
THAT'S FOR THE SOCK ON THE HEAD!

THE SMASHING KICK SENDS THE JOKER FLYING OFF THE SCAFFOLDING!

AS THE FRANTIC MAN FALLS PAST THE PENTHOUSE BALUSTRADE A HAND REACHES OUT.
AAGH! I'M FALLING!
OH NO YOU'RE NOT!

THE STRONG ARM OF THE BATMAN HAULS HIM BACK TO SAFETY!
YOU'RE TOO VALUABLE A PRIZE TO LOSE!

YOU PLAYED YOUR LAST HAND, JOKER!
A FINAL BLOW WITH ALL THE STRENGTH OF THE BATMAN BEHIND IT!!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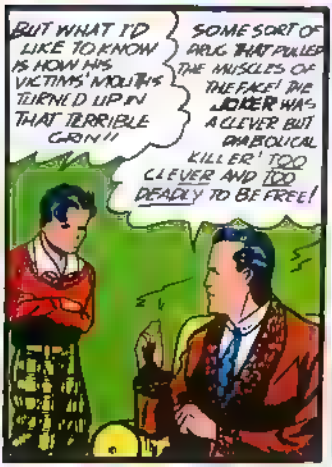
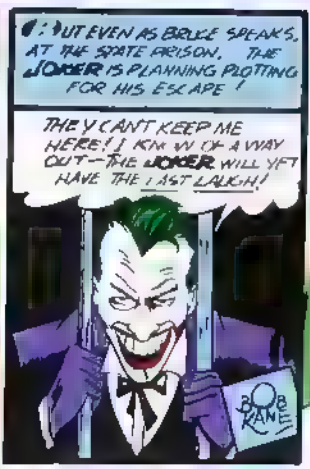

BUT WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW IS HOW HIS VICTIMS' MOUTHS TWISTED UP IN THAT TERRIBLE GRIN!!
SOME SORT OF DRUG THAT PULLED THE MUSCLES OF THE FACE! THE JOKER WAS A CLEVER BUT AMBOLICAL KILLER! TOO CLEVER AND TOO DEADLY TO BE FREE!


BUT EVEN AS BRUCE SPEAKS, AT THE STATE PRISON, THE JOKER IS PLANNING PLOTTING FOR HIS ESCAPE!
THEY CAN'T KEEP ME HERE!! I KNOW OF A WAY OUT—THE JOKER WILL YET HAVE THE LAST LAUGH!
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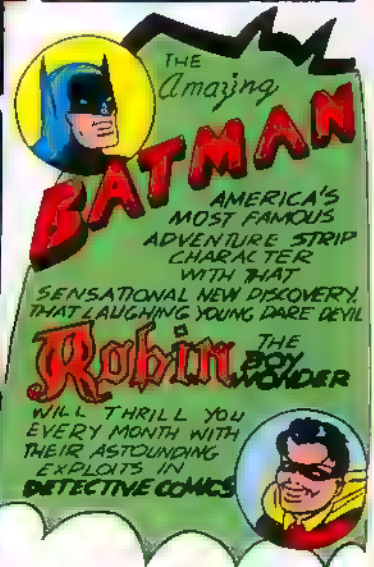
THE Amazing
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AMERICA'S MOST FAMOUS ADVENTURE STRIP CHARACTER WITH THAT SENSATIONAL NEW DISCOVERY, THAT LAUGHING YOUNG DARE DEVIL
Robin THE BOY WONDER
WILL THRILL YOU EVERY MONTH WITH THEIR ASTOUNDING EXPLOITS IN DETECTIVE COMICS

BATMAN
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ALREADY AN ALMOST LEGENDARY FIGURE, THE COWLED SHADOW OF THE BATMAN PROWLS THROUGH THE NIGHT PREYING UPON THE CRIMINAL PARASITE LIKE THE WINGED CREATURE WHOSE NAME HE HAD ADOPTED
WHILE AN UNSUSPECTING METROPOLIS SLEEPS UNEASILY IT KNOWS NOT THAT HUGE TERRIFYING MAN MONSTER SHALL STALK THE CITY STREETS AND BRING TO THE MALICIOUS AND OBSTINATE TRUTH AND JUSTICE. BRUCE WAYNE SHALL THAT FATE HALL TOUCH HIS SHOULDER AND SINGLE HIM OUT AS THE ONE TO BATTLE WITH THESE MONSTERS AS HE GOES FORTH CLAD IN THE GARB OF THE WEIRD AND MENACING
BATMAN!
NOT LONG AGO THE BATMAN HAD SEEN THE ARCH-CRIMINAL, PROFESSOR HUGO STRANGE IMPRISONED AND YET
ONE OF YOU MEN GET THE WARDEN WE'LL USE HIM AS A SHIELD!
OKAY STRANGE!
ONCE MORE PROFESSOR STRANGE FREED TO CARRY OUT THE NEXT OF HIS DARK AND DIABOLICAL SCHEMES
WE'LL TRY AND ASSIGN STRANGE ESCAPES IN 223 ARKHAM!
THE NEXT NIGHT THE METROPOLIS INSANE ASYLUM
LET THEM OUT QUICKLY!
GOODY! GOODY!
OH GOO!
C'MON, NUTS!

THAT NIGHT ... THE HOME OF BRUCE WAYNE
FLASH — A GUARD IDENTIFIED PROFESSOR STRANGE AS THE LEADER OF THE MEN WHO FREED FIVE INSANE PATIENTS FROM THE CITY INSANE ASYLUM
INSANE MEN?
CRIMINALS, MANIACS, AND STRANGE CAN ONLY ADD UP TO ONE THING: SOMETHING NEW IN CRIME SOMETHING FANTASTIC AND TERRIBLE VERY TERRIBLE!!
A MONTH LATER ... A CROWDED STREET IN LOWER MANHATTAN
SUDDENLY A WOMAN STOPS AND SCREAMS IN FRIGHT!
AA AA AH! LOOK!
HELP!
WHAT IS IT? IT ISN'T HUMAN!
TOWERING UP A FULL FIFTEEN FEET, A GIGANTIC HULK LOOMS ABOVE THEM HUGE AND TERRIBLE!
HELP!
A MONSTER!
WE'LL ALL BE KILLED!
ONE HORRIBLE CREATURE BEGINS ITS WAVE OF DESTRUCTION
HELP!
WHAT IS IT?
YAAA...
BULLETS THUD INTO THE BEAST BUT THIS ONLY MADDENS HIM!
LOOK! BULLETS DON'T STOP HIM! HE'S STILL LIVING!

THE ENRAGED BEAST SEEMS TO GO MAD!
THE PEOPLE ARE PANIC-STRICKEN!
HELP!
RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!
AS MORE POLICE RUN UP, THE MONSTER RIPS UP A LAMP POST
THE MONSTER WIELDS THE WEAPON WITH TERRIBLE EFFECT!
SUDDENLY AS POLICE CARS APPEAR, THE MONSTER LUMBERS TOWARD A TRUCK IDLING NEARBY
THERE HE GOES TOWARDS THE TRUCK! STEP ON IT!!
THE POLICE CAR STARTS IN PURSUIT!
AS THE POLICE DRAW NEAR THE MONSTER HURLS SOMETHING AT THE CAR

THERE IS A SHATTERING ROAR AS THE OBJECT HITS THE POLICE CAR!
BOOM!
THAT NIGHT.
IT COULD BE THE WORK OF ONLY ONE MAN STRANGE
AND THE MONSTER MADE GOOD HIS ESCAPE BY BOMBING THE POLICE CAR THE PEOPLE
IF I KNOW PROFESSOR STRANGE THERE WILL BE MORE OF THEM TO COME I MUST STOP HIM
HMm-
AGAIN THE NEXT DAY THE MONSTER APPEARS!
HELP!! IT'S TEARING DOWN THE "EL" THEY'LL ALL BE KILLED!!
AS POLICE AGAIN PURSUE THEY MEET THE SAME FATE AS THOSE THE DAY BEFORE!!
BOOM!
BUT HIGH ABOVE...
THAT TRUCK SHOULD LEAD ME STRAIGHT TO THE HIDEOUT OF HUGO STRANGE!
WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE THE END OF MY SEARCH!
A FEW MINUTES LATER

THE DOORS SUDDENLY SWING OPEN REVEALING THE DARK INTERIOR!
WHAT TH! IT LOOKS LIKE A TRAP BUT I'VE GOT TO CHANCE IT!
THE BATMAN CAUTIOUSLY STEPS INSIDE FAILING TO NOTICE HUGE HANDS..
SUDDENLY THE LIGHT FLASHES ON! THE BATMAN IS IN THE HANDS OF THE MONSTERS!!
ER GOOD EVENING, GENTLEMEN!
THEN A VOICE!
AH! I EXPECTED TO SEE YOUR UGLY FACE AROUND HERE! I HAD A HUNCH YOU WERE BEHIND THIS! WE MEET AGAIN PROFESSOR STRANGE!
CAUGHT! AND VERY NEATLY TOO!
NOW THAT YOU'VE GOT ME I DON'T SUPPOSE I'LL LIVE VERY LONG. GRANT ME A DYING MAN'S REQUEST AND TELL ME HOW YOU'VE CREATED THESE MONSTERS, AND WHY?
WITH THE GREATEST OF PLEASURE MY DEAR BATMAN IF YOU WILL LOOK CLOSELY YOU WILL RECOGNIZE THEIR PICTURES IN THE PAPERS. THEY ARE THE ESCAPED LUNATICS.
AND THESE ARE MONSTERS I MADE THEM SO! I DISCOVERED AN EXTRACT THAT SPEEDS UP THE GROWTH GLANDS. I INJECT THIS FLUID INTO A NORMAL MAN THE SUDDEN GROWTH NOT ONLY DISTORTS THE BODY BUT ALSO THE BRAIN AND SOON HE IS A MONSTER!!
I HAVE SENT OUT A MONSTER IN CLOTHES OF BULLET PROOF MATERIAL SO THAT THE PUBLIC AND THE POLICE MAY BE ER ACQUAINTED WITH HIM TOMORROW I SHALL SEND OUT TWO MONSTERS AND WHILE THE PUBLIC ARE PREOCCUPIED WITH THEM MY MEN WILL LOOT THE BANKS CLEVER, ISN'T IT? YOU KNOW AT TIMES I AM AMAZED AT MY OWN GENIUS!
AN EVIL GENIUS STRANGE
REMOVE HIS BELT OF GAS CAPSULES. I WANT NO ESCAPE I AM GOING TO INJECT THIS FLUID INTO YOU! YOU DEAR BATMAN ARE TO BE A MONSTER! A MONSTER! HA-HA-HA

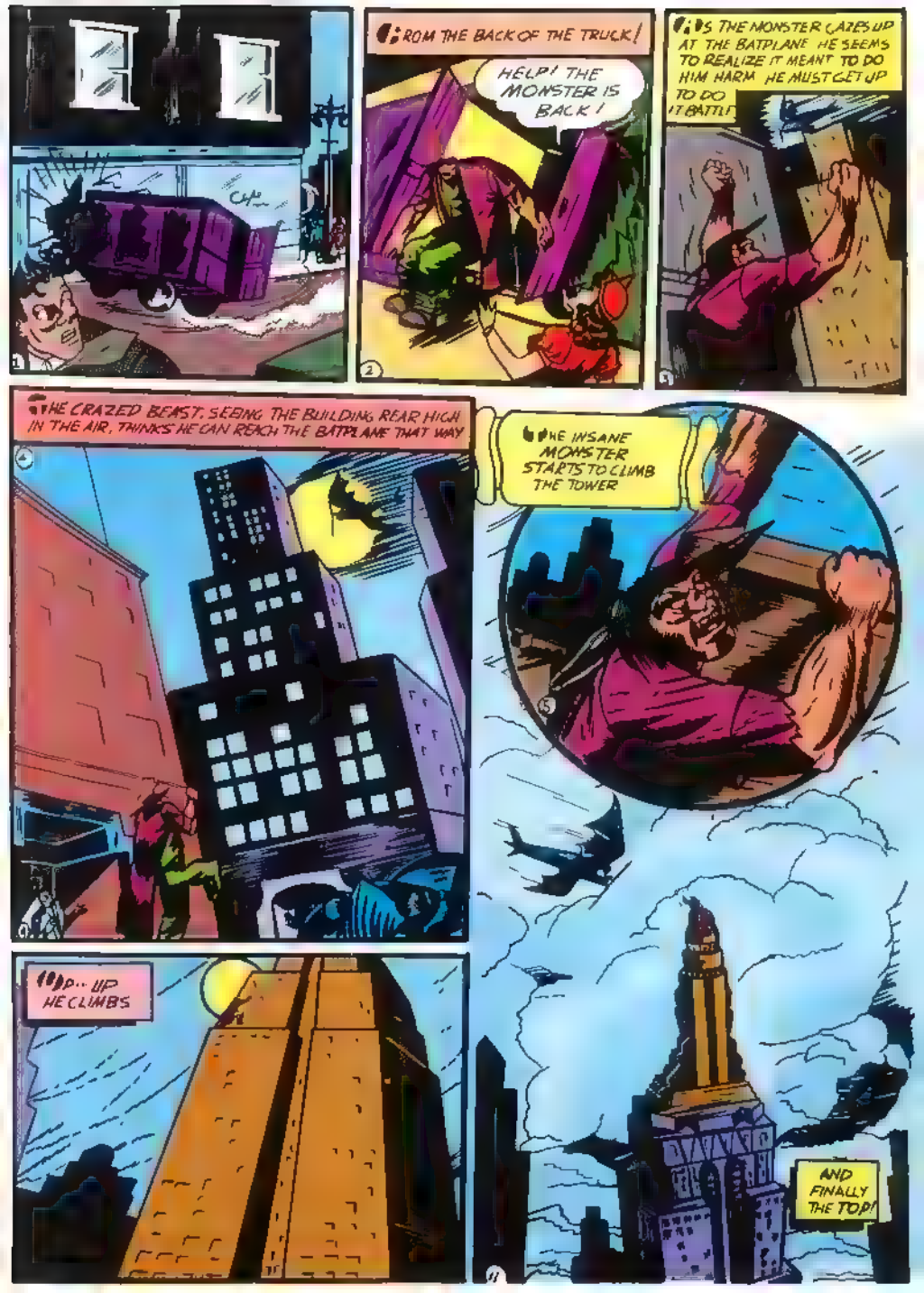
THE BATMAN STRUGGLES MIGHTILY, BUT THE MONSTERS HOLD HIM FIRM!
YOU FIEND!!
THAT IS NO WAY TO TALK TO YOUR MASTER! SOON YOU WILL BE A MONSTER AND OBEY ME AS THEY DO! PREPARE TO MEET YOUR FATE!
THE DEADLY NEEDLE PLUNGES DEEP INTO THE ARM OF THE BATMAN!
DONE!!
OBSERVE THE CLOCK, BATMAN! IT IS EXACTLY SIX O'CLOCK AT NIGHT THE SERUM TAKES EIGHTEEN HOURS BEFORE IT WORKS AT PRECISELY NOON TOMORROW THE SERUM WILL TAKE EFFECT! AH-HA HA!
MASSIVE FIST CRASHES AGAINST THE BATMAN'S JAW THEN BLACKNESS
THEN THE BATMAN SEES
NOW REMEMBER! THREE MEN TAKE A MONSTER ONE TRUCK WILL GO BY DALY AVENUE AND THE OTHER BY THE POST ROAD NOW GET GOING AND NO SLIP UPS!
DON'T WORRY STRANGE! THOSE BANKS ARE AS GOOD AS OPENED RIGHT NOW!
HOURS LATER
WOW! WHAT HIT ME! THE CLOCK! IT SAYS ALMOST A QUARTER TO TWELVE I'VE BEEN UNCONSCIOUS ALMOST EIGHTEEN HOURS AND ITS ALMOST TIME FOR THE SERUM TO WORK!
I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE! THEY TOOK MY BELT BUT THEY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT MY BOOT HEELS BY MIXING SOME CHEMICALS I HAVE IN THEM I CAN MAKE AN EXPLOSIVE! THE TRUCKS HAVE GONE WITH TWO OF THE MONSTERS, SO THAT AT LEAST GIVES ME A CHANCE!
A MOMENT LATER
THAT DOES IT!
BOOM!

WHAT YOU OUT!!
YES
AND SO ARE YOU!
THE POWERFUL BLOW SENDS STRANGE OUT TO FALL TO MURKY WATERS BELOW.
I WONDER IF THIS REALLY IS THE END OF PROFESSOR HUGO STRANGE?? MEANWHILE TIME IS FLYING. IT MUST BE ALMOST TIME FOR THE SERUM TO WORK! I'VE GOT TO STOP IT!
SUDDENLY A DOOR OPENS. AND THERE THREE MONSTERS!!
THE REST OF THE MONSTERS!!
THE BATMAN SPIES THE LONG POLE USED TO OPEN THE SKYLIGHT..
THERE'S STILL A CHANCE!
ALTHOUGH YOUR BULLET-PROOF CLOTHING PROTECTS YOU FROM BULLETS—IT DOESN'T FROM THIS!!

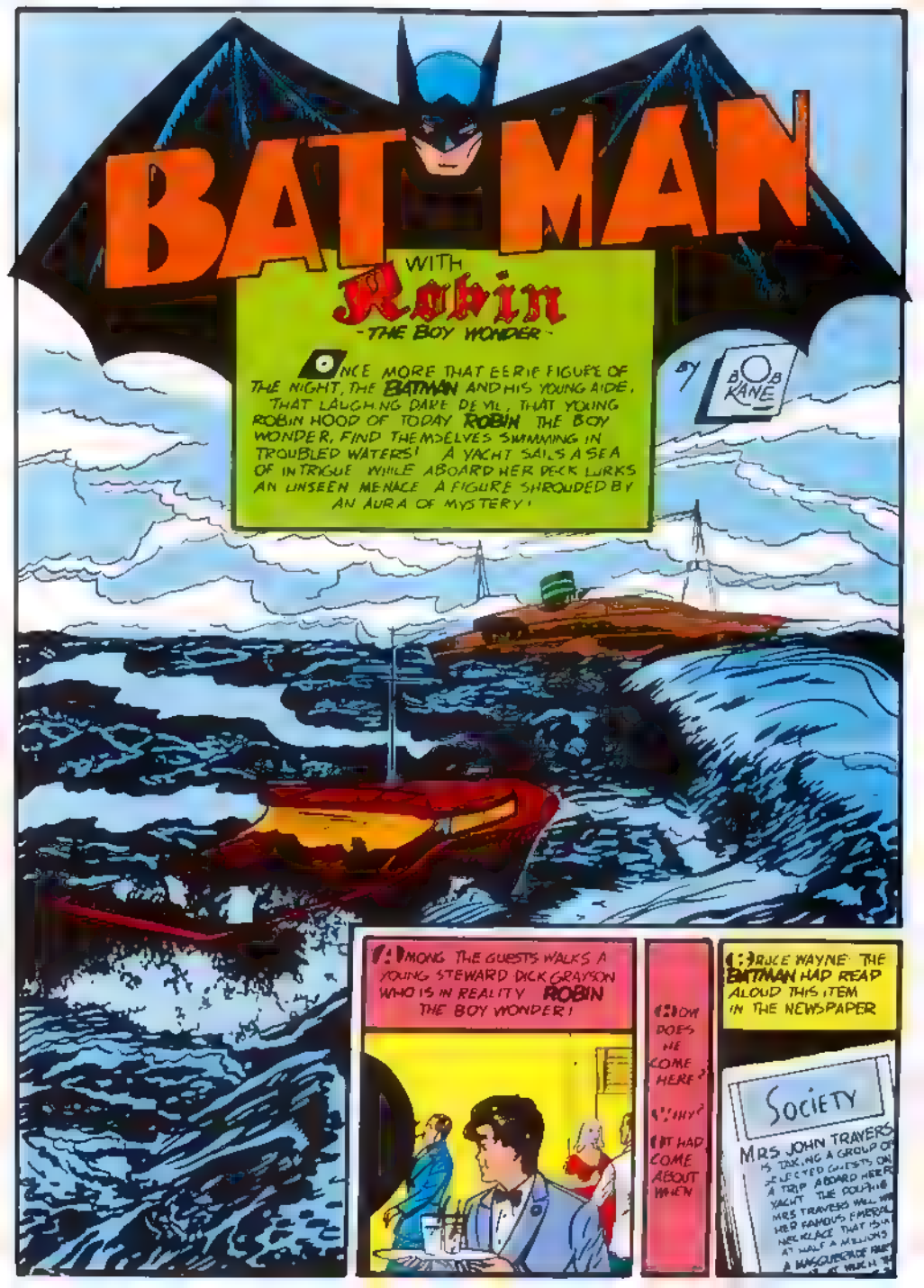
THE BATMAN TRIES FOR THE KNOB ON THE SKYLIGHT!
IF THIS DOESN'T CATCH, THEN I'LL CATCH IT FROM THE MONSTERS!
1
THE HOOK CATCHES AND
BIG BOY HERE I COME!
2
I BET YOU'RE SURPRISED!
?
3
AS THE ENRAGED COLOSSUS LUMBERS FORWARD, THE BATMAN DEFTLY THRUSTS THE POLE BETWEEN HIS LEGS
4
AND PULLS HARD!!
I HOPE THIS WORKS!
5
AS THE MONSTERS COLLIDE, THEY IMMEDIATELY BECOME ENRAGED AND STARE AT EACH OTHER WITH HATE IN THEIR EYES!
6
ALL THOUGHTS OF THE BATMAN ARE FORGOTTEN AS THE MADDENED BEASTS FIERCELY ENGAGE IN HEATED BATTLE!

IT WORKED! AND NOW I'VE GOT TO WORK FAST TO STOP THE SERUM I'VE JUST GOT FIVE MINUTES!
IT IS A MACABRE SCENE, AS THE BATMAN FRANTICALLY MIXES A COMPOUND SO THAT HE MAY NOT BECOME LIKE THE MADDENED MONSTERS WHO BATTLE AROUND HIM!
THIS COMPOUND WILL ACT AS AN ANTIDOTE AND STOP ANY EXCESS ACTION FROM THE GROWTH GLANDS THERE! IT'S IN! I'VE BEATEN HUGO STRANGE BY A SINGLE MINUTE!!
THEY'VE KILLED EACH OTHER AS I HOPED THEY WOULD. THEY ARE NOW DEAD! TWO STILL LIVE. THEY'RE IN THOSE TRUCKS ONE IS ON DALY AVENUE AND THE OTHER ON POST ROAD. I CAN STILL CATCH THEM
A MOMENT LATER THE BATPLANE ROSES INTO THE AIR!
THE POST ROAD FIRST!
ON THE POST ROAD
IT WON'T BE LONG NOW!
WHAT A CINCH! THE MONKEY IN THE BACK STARTS A RIOT KILLS A FEW PEOPLE AND WE CRACK A BANK! A SWEET RACKET!
BUT OUT OF THE SKY, SPITTING DEATH.. THE BATMAN!
MUCH AS I HATE TO TAKE HUMAN LIFE, I'M AFRAID THIS TIME IT'S NECESSARY!
RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT

THE BULLETS TAKE THEIR TOLL: THE TRUCK CRASHES INTO A TREE!
AS THE MONSTER RISES, THE STEEL LIKE ROPE OF THE BATMAN LOOPS ABOUT HIS NECK!
THE RISING BATPLANE JERKS THE MONSTER FROM THE GROUND
I'VE ROPED STEERS BEFORE, BUT YOU'RE MUCH MORE DEADLY!
THE GIANT TRIES TO BREAK THE EVER-TIGHTENING ROPE!
A FEW MOMENTS LATER
HE'S PROBABLY BETTER OFF THIS WAY
I'M IN TIME! THERE'S THE TRUCK NOW!
NOW I'LL CUT THIS FELLOW DOWN AND THEN GO TO DALY AVENUE FOR THE LAST MONSTER!
TAT-TAT-TAT...

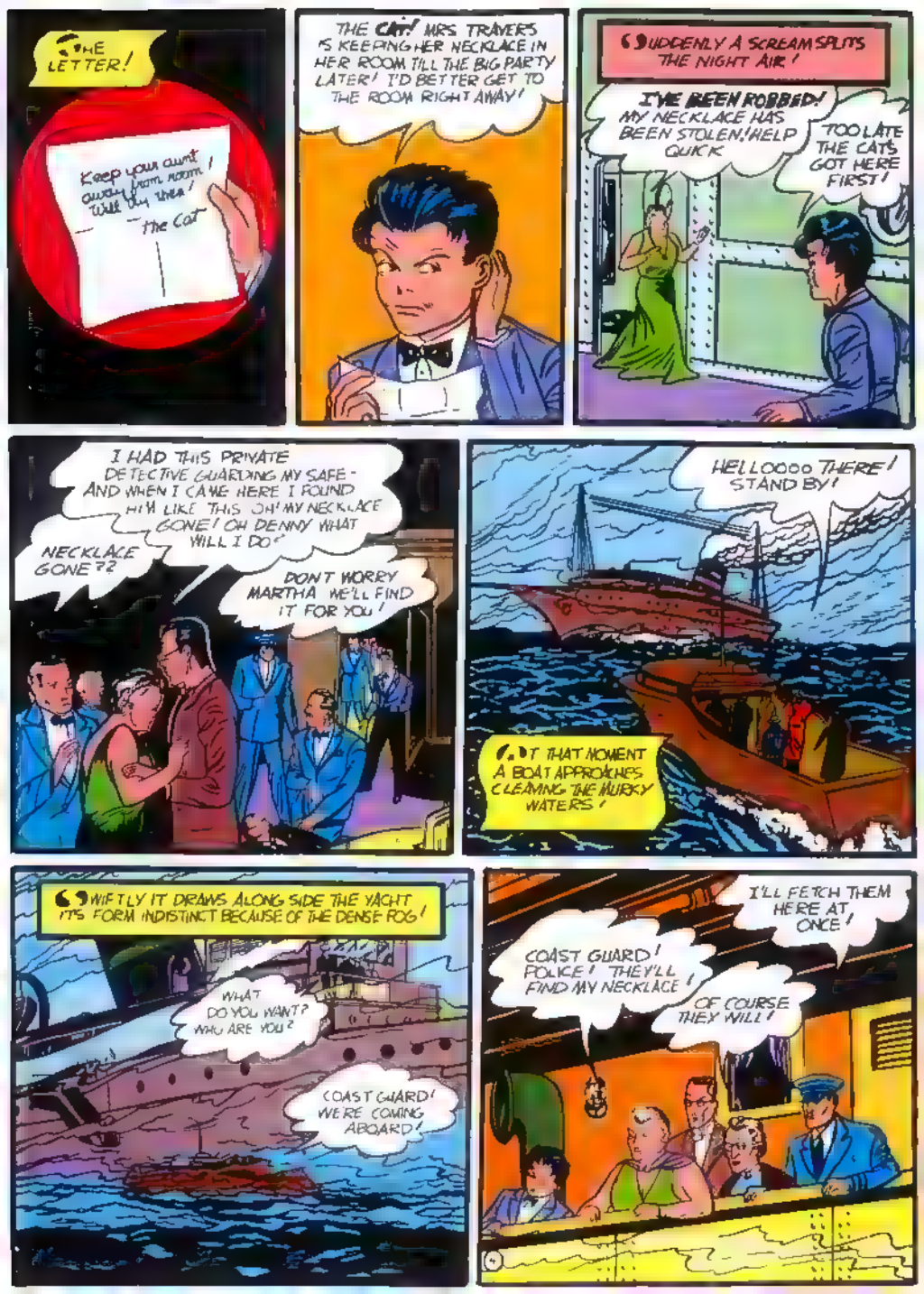

FROM THE BACK OF THE TRUCK!
HELP! THE MONSTER IS BACK!
AS THE MONSTER GAZES UP AT THE BATPLANE HE SEEMS TO REALIZE IT MEANT TO DO HIM HARM HE MUST GET UP TO DO IT BATTLE
THE CRAZED BEAST, SEEING THE BUILDING REAR HIGH IN THE AIR, THINKS HE CAN REACH THE BATPLANE THAT WAY
THE INSANE MONSTER STARTS TO CLIMB THE TOWER
UP... UP HE CLIMBS
AND FINALLY THE TOP!

THE BULLET PROOF CLOTHES PROTECT THE MONSTER
IF BULLETS DON'T STOP HIM - I KNOW WHAT WILL!
THIS TIME FROM THE BATPLANE GAS PELLETS!!
AS THE GAS TAKES EFFECT THE MONSTER ONCE MORE SEES THE BATPLANE SHAKES HIS HANDS DEFIANTLY
AND THEN TOPPLES OFF TO HIS DOOM!!
THERE GOES THE LAST OF THE MONSTERS YET I HAVE A FEELING THAT THE BIGGEST MONSTER OF THEM ALL, PROFESSOR HUGO STRANGE, STILL LIVES! PERHAPS WE SHALL MEET AGAIN. PERHAPS!!
BOB KANE
THE BATMAN
APPEARING EVERY MONTH IN DETECTIVE COMICS


BAT MAN
WITH
Robin
-THE BOY WONDER-
ONCE MORE THAT EERIE FIGURE OF THE NIGHT, THE BATMAN AND HIS YOUNG AIDE, THAT LAUGHING DARE DEVIL, THAT YOUNG ROBIN HOOD OF TODAY ROBIN THE BOY WONDER, FIND THEMSELVES SWIMMING IN TROUBLED WATERS! A YACHT SAILS A SEA OF INTRIGUE WHILE ABOARD HER DECK LURKS AN UNSEEN MENACE A FIGURE SHROUDED BY AN AURA OF MYSTERY!
BY BOB KANE
AMONG THE GUESTS WALKS A YOUNG STEWARD DICK GRAYSON WHO IS IN REALITY ROBIN THE BOY WONDER!
HOW DOES HE COME HERE?
WHY?
IT HAD COME ABOUT WHEN
BRUCE WAYNE THE BATMAN HAD READ ALOUD THIS ITEM IN THE NEWSPAPER
Society
MRS JOHN TRAVERS IS TAKING A GROUP OF SELECTED GUESTS ON A TRIP ABOARD HER YACHT THE DOLPHIN MRS TRAVERS WILL WEAR HER FAMOUS EMERALD NECKLACE THAT IS A MASQUERADE

READING ABOUT THE TRAVERS YACHT PARTY EH? IT SURE IS GETTING A LOT OF PUBLICITY! EVERYONE KNOWS ABOUT IT!
THAT'S THE TROUBLE EVERY CROOK IN TOWN WILL BE THINKING ABOUT STEALING THAT NECKLACE IF HE CAN!
CALL IT A HUNCH! I'D LIKE TO BE ON THAT YACHT TOMORROW NIGHT, BUT I'VE ANOTHER JOB TO DO FIRST! I WONDER HMM=
DO YOU THINK THERE MIGHT BE TROUBLE, THAT SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN?
DICK, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THIS CASE UNTIL I GET THERE IN TIME TO HELP YOU? THINK YOU CAN DO IT ALONE?
ME? ALONE? AND HOW! LEAD ME TO IT!
BUT HOW WOULD I GET ON THE YACHT WITHOUT BEING SUSPECTED?
I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE. I'LL GET YOU A JOB AS A STEWARD THERE. FROM THEN ON YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN! NOW LISTEN CAREFULLY
AND SO IT IS THAT YOUNG DICK GRAYSON IS ABOARD THE DOLPHIN
BETTER KEEP MY EYES AND EARS OPEN SAY, THERE'S MRS TRAVERS THINK I'LL EAVESDROP
AH, DENNY, MY FAVORITE NEPHEW! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
HELLO, AUNT MARTHA I WANT YOU TO MEET MISS PEGGS. SHE'S A GUEST OF MINE! I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND MY BRINGING HER ABOARD?
NONSENSE! GLAD TO HAVE MISS PEGGS!
THANK YOU! EVER SINCE I SPRAINED MY ANKLE DENNY HAS BEEN ESCORTING ME ABOUT! A FINE BOY, YOUR NEPHEW, A FINE BOY!

(1) DICK "PUMPS" ONE OF THE REGULAR STEWARDS!
MUST BE A NICE FELLOW, HER NEPHEW, TO ESCORT AN OLD WOMAN AROUND LIKE THAT!
HUH, HIM? HE'S A RAT PROBABLY HANGING AROUND TO GET SOME MONEY OUT OF HER! HE'S ALWAYS BORROWING DOUGH FROM HIS AUNT MRS TRAVERS!
THEY ALL TRY TO GET DOUGH OUT OF HER! SEE THAT GUY WHO JUST WALKED OVER? THAT'S HER DOCTOR WALLACE GAMBLES ALL HIS DOUGH AWAY AND THEN HE BORROWS MONEY FROM MRS TRAVERS! I BET HE OWES HER PLENTY! PLENTY!!
(2) SOME TIME LATER AS DICK PASSES A CABIN
VOICES! SOUNDS LIKE A QUARREL!
NO I WON'T LEND YOU A CENT, ROGER AND THAT'S FINAL!
BUT I NEED IT TO COVER MY STOCK LOSSES! PLEASE!
JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE MY BROTHER, DOESN'T MEAN I MUST FINANCE ALL YOUR STUPID PLUNGES IN THE STOCK MARKET!
I'LL BE RUINED! AND YOU'LL BE THE CAUSE OF IT ALL! I'LL GET THAT MONEY SOMEHOW SOME WAY!
WHEW! LOOKS LIKE THIS YACHT ISN'T THE SAFEST PLACE IN THE WORLD FOR A NECKLACE WORTH A HALF A MILLION DOLLARS!
(3) AS HE TURNS A CORNER HE SEES DENNY FURTIVELY THROW A PAPER OVER THE RAIL!
IF EVER A GUY LOOKED GUILTY ABOUT SOMETHING, HE DOES! WONDER WHAT'S IN THAT PAPER?
(4) BY A QUEER QUIRK OF FATE THE WIND SEIZES THE PAPER AND TOSSES IT BACK ON DECK
WHAT A BREAK! NOW TO READ IT!


THE LETTER!
Keep your aunt away from room! Will buy hers!
— The Cat
THE CAT! MRS TRAVERS IS KEEPING HER NECKLACE IN HER ROOM TILL THE BIG PARTY LATER! I'D BETTER GET TO THE ROOM RIGHT AWAY!
SUDDENLY A SCREAM SPLITS THE NIGHT AIR!
I'VE BEEN ROBBED! MY NECKLACE HAS BEEN STOLEN! HELP QUICK
TOO LATE THE CAT'S GOT HERE FIRST!
I HAD THIS PRIVATE DETECTIVE GUARDING MY SAFE - AND WHEN I CAME HERE I FOUND HIM LIKE THIS OH! MY NECKLACE GONE! OH DENNY WHAT WILL I DO!
NECKLACE GONE??
DON'T WORRY MARTHA WE'LL FIND IT FOR YOU!
HELLOOOO THERE! STAND BY!
AT THAT MOMENT A BOAT APPROACHES CLEAVING THE MURKY WATERS!
SWIFTLY IT DRAWS ALONG SIDE THE YACHT IT'S FORM INDISTINCT BECAUSE OF THE DENSE FOG!
WHAT DO YOU WANT? WHO ARE YOU?
COAST GUARD! WE'RE COMING ABOARD!
I'LL FETCH THEM HERE AT ONCE!
COAST GUARD! POLICE! THEY'LL FIND MY NECKLACE!
OF COURSE THEY WILL!

BUT INSTEAD OF THE COAST GUARD-QUITE THE REVERSE!
WH WHY, YOU'RE NOT THE COAST GUARD!
YOU'RE A BRIGHT BOY! YOU MUSTA GOT HIGH MARKS IN SCHOOL!
RAISE YOUR HANDS HIGH, ALL OF YA!
GET THIS, CAPTAIN IF ANY OF YOUR MEN JUST SO MUCH AS MOVES A FINGER I'LL SPRAY THESE PEOPLE WITH LEAD! WE'RE TAKIN OVER THE BOAT!
CAPTAIN TELL THE SAILORS TO LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS! WE DON'T WANT ANYONE HURT!
YES MA'AM!
IN A FEW MOMENTS ALL THE CREW IS LOCKED BELOW AND THE GUESTS LINED UP ON DECK
NOW MRS. TRAVERS, YOU CAN HAND OVER THAT NECKLACE OF YOURS OR SAY, SHE GONE NUTS? WHAT'S SHE LAUGHING ABOUT?
YOU'RE TOO LATE! HA HA HA IT'S ALREADY STOLEN!
WHAT'S THIS? HAND OVER THE NECKLACE!
IT'S TRUE IT WAS JUST TAKEN WHEN YOU CAME! WE THOUGHT YOU WERE THE COAST GUARD AND MIGHT HOLD AN INVESTIGATION BUT NOW
CAN YOU IMAGINE THAT! SOMEONE STOLE IT BEFORE WE DID! WHATTA CROOK! YA CAN'T TRUST ANYBODY THESE DAYS!
AND WHILE WE'RE AT IT WE MIGHT AS WELL TAKE WHATEVER ELSE IS AROUND
COAST GUARD OR NOT WE'RE STILL GONNA HOLD AN INVESTIGATION RIGHT NOW! C'MON BOYS.. FRISK EM!
AS ONE OF THEM APPROACHES A WOMAN
OKAY, BABY, LET'S HAVE THAT BRACELET! C'MON, GIVE IT TO ME!
A FRESH GUY, HUH? I'LL TAKE THAT OUTA YA!
TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF HER, YOU DIRTY THEF!
BUT HURTLING THROUGH THE AIR-DICK GRAYSON!
MUSTN'T PLAY WITH GUNS MIGHT HURT SOMEBODY!
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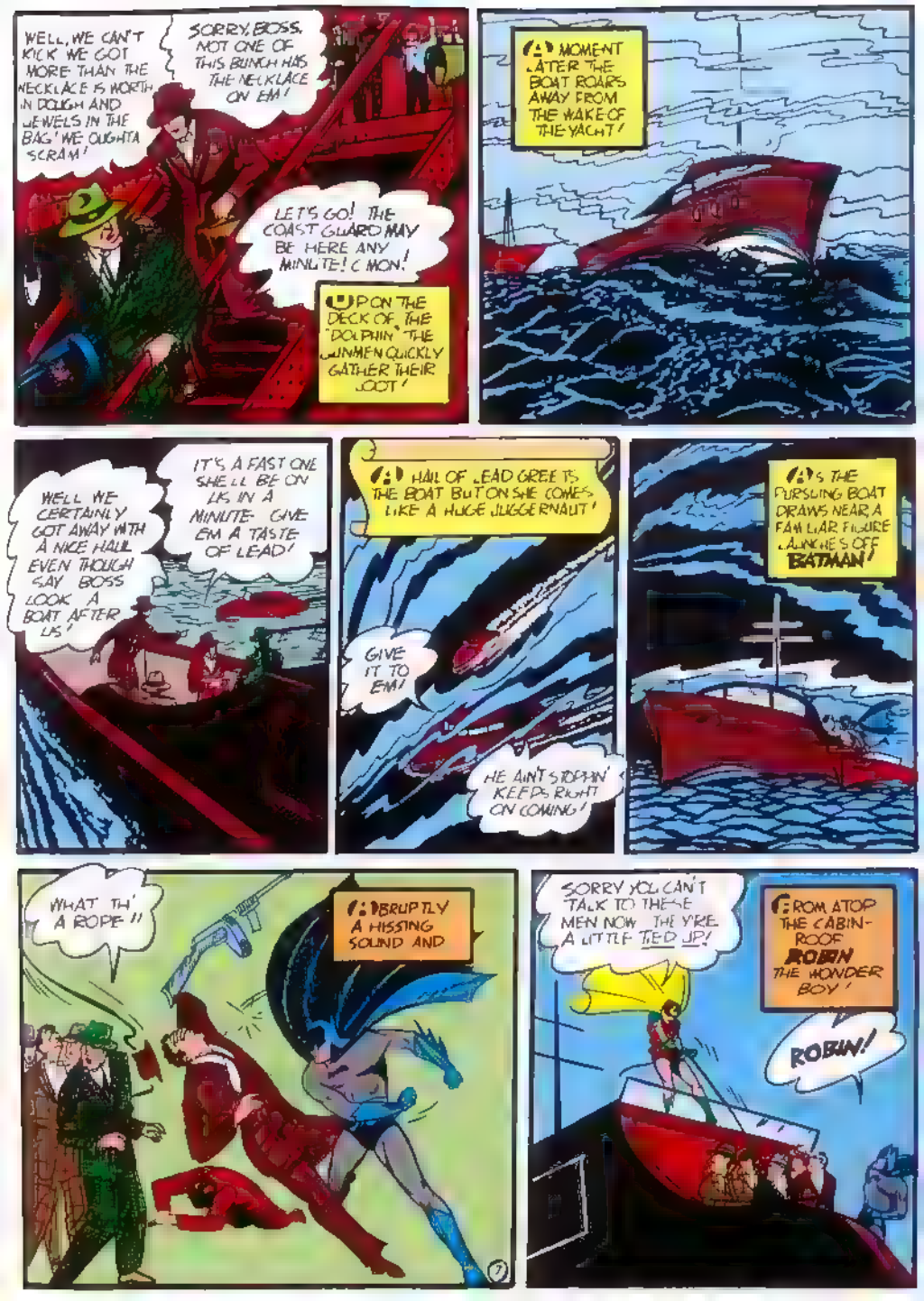
I DON'T LIKE YOUR FACE - I'LL THINK I'LL CHANGE IT'S APPEARANCE!
GET THAT KID!
YOU'VE GOT TO GET ME FIRST!
HEADLONG DIVE
NOTHING LIKE A COLD PLUNGE!
RAIN OF DEATH FOLLOWS THE PLUMMETING FIGURE!
THE BOY'S FIGURE HITS THE WATER TO REMAIN BELOW!
DID YA GET HIM?
HE AIN'T COME UP YET!
SURE, BOSS, WE GOT HIM! WE DON'T MISS!
BUT THE GUNMAN IS WRONG - THERE ARE TIMES THEY DO MISS AND THIS WAS ONE OF THEM!
THINK I'D BETTER GET OUT OF THESE CLOTHES AND INTO CHARACTER!


WELL, WE CAN'T KICK WE GOT MORE THAN THE NECKLACE IS WORTH IN DOUGH AND JEWELS IN THE BAG! WE OUGHTA SCRAM!
SORRY, BOSS. NOT ONE OF THIS BUNCH HAS THE NECKLACE ON 'EM!
LET'S GO! THE COAST GUARD MAY BE HERE ANY MINUTE! C'MON!
UPON THE DECK OF THE "DOLPHIN" THE GUNMEN QUICKLY GATHER THEIR LOOT!
A MOMENT LATER THE BOAT ROARS AWAY FROM THE WAKE OF THE YACHT!
WELL WE CERTAINLY GOT AWAY WITH A NICE HAUL EVEN THOUGH SAY BOSS LOOK A BOAT AFTER US!
IT'S A FAST ONE SHE'LL BE ON US IN A MINUTE. GIVE 'EM A TASTE OF LEAD!
A HAIL OF LEAD GREETS THE BOAT BUT ON SHE COMES LIKE A HUGE JUGGERNAUT!
GIVE IT TO 'EM!
HE AIN'T STOPPIN' KEEPS RIGHT ON COMING!
AS THE PURSUING BOAT DRAWS NEAR A FAMILIAR FIGURE LAUNCHES OFF BATMAN!
WHAT TH' A ROPE!!
ABRUPTLY A HISSING SOUND AND
SORRY YOU CAN'T TALK TO THESE MEN NOW. THEY'RE A LITTLE TIED UP!
FROM ATOP THE CABIN-ROOF ROBIN THE WONDER BOY!
ROBIN!
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THE GUNMEN ARE DISARMED!
HOW DID YOU GET HERE?
THE TRAIL GOT COLD ON MY OTHER CASE SO I DROVE TO THE YACHT! WHEN I SAW THIS LAUNCH SPEEDING AWAY I FIGURED SOMETHING WAS UP SO HERE I AM!
ROBIN I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED JUST HOW BRAVE A CROOK IS WITHOUT HIS GUN! I'D LIKE TO TRY A LITTLE EXPERIMENT AND YOU'RE GOING TO PROVE IT!
HOW?
I'M GOING TO SHOW THE KIDS OF AMERICA HOW YELLOW YOU RATS ARE WITHOUT YOUR GUNS! I'M GOING TO LET ROBIN HERE TAKE FOUR OF YOU ON ALL AT THE SAME TIME!
THE GUYS NUTS!
FOUR OF US AGAINST THAT KID! HA HA HA!
THAT'S MY PROPOSITION TAKE IT?
AND HOW! JUST LET ME GET MY HANDS ON HIM!
A MOMENT LATER A STARTLING SCENE TAKES PLACE FOUR GROWN MEN PIT THEIR STRENGTH AGAINST THAT OF A LONE BOY!!
WE'LL KNOCK THE KID SILLY!
I'M AFRAID YOU'RE THE ONES WHO ARE GOING TO FEEL SILLY!
ROBIN ACTS WITH THE SPEED OF THOUGHT!
FANCY BUMPING INTO YOU BOYS WAY OUT HERE!
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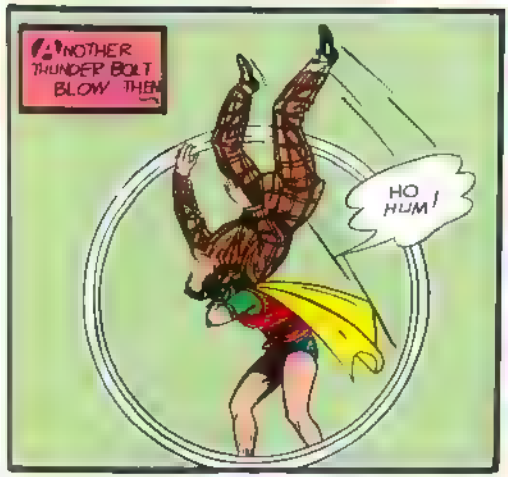
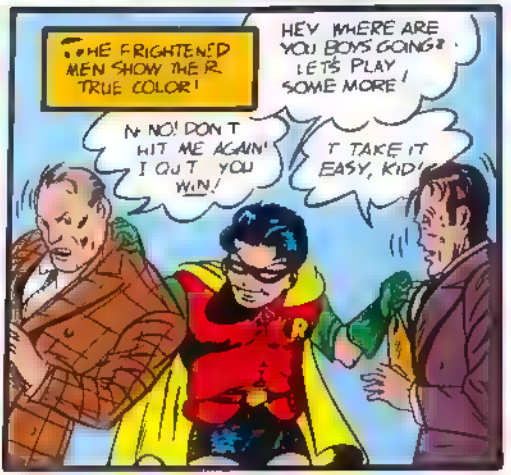
THEN A FIST THAT SHOOTS OUT WITH THE FORCE OF A PISTON ROD!
COME, COME, BOYS, HOW ABOUT A LITTLE COMPETITION!

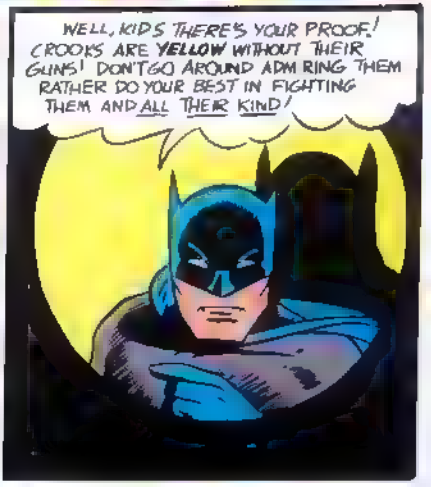
WHAT HAPPENED DID WE HIT A REEF?
COME ON, BOYS. GET UP JUST ONCE MORE
TSK! TSK!

ONCE MORE A LAUNCHING ATTACK BUT ROBIN IS READY AND QUITE ABLE!
I'LL PHHHFT!
I DIDN'T QUITE GET WHAT YOU SAID!


ANOTHER THUNDER BOLT BLOW THEN
HO HUM!


THE FRIGHTENED MEN SHOW THEIR TRUE COLOR!
HEY WHERE ARE YOU BOYS GOING? LET'S PLAY SOME MORE!
NO NO! DON'T HIT ME AGAIN! I QUIT YOU WIN!
I TAKE IT EASY, KID!

HOW ABOUT THESE BOYS, BATMAN!
NO NO GET THAT KID AWAY FROM ME!
NOT A BAD IDEA! WOULD YOU FELLOWS LIKE TO TRY A JOUST WITH THE KID!
NOT ME!
IF I ONLY HAD MY GUN


WELL, KIDS THERE'S YOUR PROOF! CROOKS ARE YELLOW WITHOUT THEIR GUNS! DON'T GO AROUND ADMIRING THEM RATHER DO YOUR BEST IN FIGHTING THEM AND ALL THEIR KIND!

A MOMENT LATER WITH THE JEWELS IN THEIR POSSESSION AND THE MEN TRUSSED UP BATMAN AND ROBIN SPEED AWAY
LOOKS LIKE DENNY, MRS TRAVERS' NEPHEW, IS IN WITH THE CAT! TELL ME ABOUT THE PASSENGERS YOU SUSPECT MIGHT BE THE CAT!
AND THEN I PICKED UP THIS PAPER WITH THE MESSAGE FROM THE CAT!
SO IT'S EITHER HER GAMBLING DOCTOR WALLACE OR HER STOCK-PLAYING BROTHER ROGER!
LOOKS THAT WAY, DOESN'T IT BUT YOU NEVER CAN TELL! NOW LISTEN
ABOARD THE YACHT THE GUESTS ARE TRYING TO FORGET THEIR LOSSES BY HOLDING A MASQUERADE PARTY
AND NOW I WILL AWARD THIS CUP TO THE PERSON WHO HAS THE MOST ORIGINAL COSTUME
WHY AREN'T YOU IN COSTUME MISS PEGGS?
I'M TOO OLD FOR THAT SORT OF THING, BESIDES, MY ANKLE IT BOTHERS ME TOO MUCH! THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME UP THE STEPS!
AT THAT MOMENT A FIGURE STEPS DOWN FROM THE STAIRWAY ONTO THE DAIS DRESSED IN A WEIRD COSTUME
LOOK WHAT A STRANGE COSTUME!
HE OUGHT TO GET THE PRIZE!!
HE'S DRESSED AS THE BATMAN WHAT A CLEVER IDEA!
AN IRONICAL JOKE TAKES PLACE!!
IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT YOUR COSTUME OF THE BATMAN IS THE MOST ORIGINAL HERE TONIGHT THE CUP IS YOURS!!
THANK YOU I ACCEPT THE CUP AND NOW, IF I MAY, I WOULD LIKE TO FILL IT WITH
WITH DRINK, SIR?
NO, DEAR LADY WITH YOUR STOLEN PROPERTY! I HAVE RECOVERED IT YOU SEE I, REALLY AM THE BATMAN!
THE BATMAN HE R REALLY IS...!!!
OUR MONEY AND JEWELS!
BATMAN IN PERSON HOW THRILLING!!!
AT THAT MOMENT THE LOUD CLANGING OF A BELL IS HEARD - THE FIRE ALARM!
FIRE ALARM - THE SHIP IS ON FIRE GET TO THE LIFE BOATS!

AS THE PANIC-STRICKEN PEOPLE DASH OUT THE BATMAN NOTICES A STRANGE THING. MISS PEGGS IS RUNNING LIKE A MUCH YOUNGER PERSON AND WITHOUT A LIMP!!
IT WORKED! THERE GOES MISS PEGGS NICE LEGS FOR AN OLD WOMAN
THE CAPTAIN APPEARS AND SHOUTS OUT WORDS THAT ALMOST HYPNOTIZE THE PEOPLE TO ORDER
STOP! THERE'S NO FIRE! IT'S A FALSE ALARM! SOME CRAZY FOOL MUST HAVE SET THE ALARM OFF AS A JOKE!!!
A FALSE ALARM. I WONDER THE BATMAN HE'S AFTER ME!! IT'S A TRAP!
BUT EVEN AS SHE DESCENDS THE STAIRS A FIGURE HURTLES AFTER HER!
ROBIN THE BOY WONDER COMES THROUGH AGAIN!!
MY MOTHER TOLD ME NEVER TO FIGHT WITH A LADY BUT THIS TIME I'M MAKING AN EXCEPTION!!
THE BATMAN TAKES CHARGE
NOW I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU WHAT THE REAL CAT LOOKS LIKE! I'VE HEARD TALES ABOUT THE CAT BEFORE IN THE UNDERWORLD!
I CAN HARDLY WAIT!
BLACK HAIR IS REVEALED UNDER THE GREY WIG!
FIRST OFF WITH THE WIG!
YOU.. YOU..!!

THE MAKE-UP WAX IS QUICKLY RUBBED OFF
LET GO OF ME!
QUIET OR PAPA SPANK!
SWIFTLY THE SWADDLING FROCK IS REMOVED AND THERE IN THE PLACE OF OLD MISS PEGGS A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN!
WELL WHAT'S THE MATTER? HAVEN'T YOU EVER SEEN A PRETTY GIRL BEFORE?
WELL CAT IT SEEMS WE'VE GOT YOU AT LAST! NOW LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THAT BANDAGE!
WHAT'S THE USE I KNOW WHEN I'M LICKED GO AHEAD!
THERE UNDER THE BANDAGE THE MISSING TRAVER'S NECKLACE!!
WHEEW! NO WONDER YOU WANTED TO STEAL THEM THEY'RE PERFECT! A HALF A MILLION DOLLARS!
HOW DID YOU KNOW SHE WAS THE CAT AND NOT DOCTOR WALLACE OR ROGER?
THE NOTE DROPPED BY DENNY MRS IRVER'S NEPHEW SAID HE HAD AN ACCOMPLICE YOU REMEMBER YOU SAID MISS PEGGS WAS A GUEST OF DENNY'S NOT HIS AUNT AND THEN
YOU HAD THE KID TURN IN A FALSE ALARM TO TRAP ME-CLEVER!
BRUBTLY
DENNY!
I'LL TAKE THAT, BATMAN!
AS LONG AS YOU WANT IT--HERE!
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BOY, HE'S OUT COLDER THAN A DEAD MACKEREL!
BATMAN I WAS SUPPOSED TO GIVE DENNY HALF OF THE JEWELS WHY DON'T YOU COME IN AS A PARTNER WITH ME! YOU AND I TOGETHER!
YOU AND I KING AND QUEEN OF CRIME! WE'D MAKE A GREAT TEAM WITH YOU AS MY PARTNER WE
SORRY YOUR PROPOSITION TEMPTS ME BUT WE WORK ON DIFFERENT SIDES OF THE LAW! LETS GO
WITH THE JEWELS GIVEN TO MRS TRAVERS AND HER NEPHEW LOCKED IN HIS CABIN THE BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE HOMEWARD BOUND WITH THE CAT!
WELL, WE'RE HOME THERE'S THE WHARF NOW!
WHY DIDN'T YOU LEAVE ME BEHIND ON THE YACHT INSTEAD OF TAKING ME TO THE POLICE YOURSELF?
I'VE GOT MY REASONS!
SUDDENLY THE CAT LEAPS TO HER FEET AND
WATCH HER SHE'S JUMPED OVERBOARD!
FANCY THAT!
AS ROBIN MAKES READY TO JUMP AFTER THE CAT, THE BATMAN CLUMSILY BUMPS IN TO HIM!
HEY!
OOPS SORRY, ROBIN!
BY THE TIME THEY RECOVER, THE CAT HAS MADE GOOD HER ESCAPE!
TOO LATE SHE'S GONE! AND SAY I'LL BET YOU BUMPED IN TO ME ON PURPOSE! THAT'S WHY YOU TOOK HER ALONG WITH US SO SHE MIGHT TRY A BREAK!
WHY ROBIN MY BOY. WHAT EVER GAVE YOU SUCH AN IDEA! HMM NICE NIGHT, ISN'T IT?
LOVELY GIRL! WHAT EYES! SAY MUSTN'T FORGET I'VE GOT A GIRL NAMED JULIE! OH WELL SHE STILL HAD LOVELY EYES! MAYBE I'LL BUMP INTO HER AGAIN SOMETIME
HMMM
BOB KANE
SO MANY OF OUR READERS HAVE WRITTEN US SUCH NICE LETTERS THAT WE HAVE DECIDED TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION THEREFORE ON THE BACK COVER OF THIS MAGAZINE YOU WILL FIND A FULL-PAGE AUTOGRAPHED PICTURE SUITABLE FOR FRAMING OF BOTH BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
THIS IS OUR WAY OF SAYING THANKS
Bob Kane

BATMAN

WITH

Robin
-THE BOY WONDER

THE JOKER RETURNS"

ONCE AGAIN THAT HARLEQUIN OF HATE THE **JOKER** BRINGS GRINNING DEATH TO A TERRIFIED PEOPLE A MOCKING DOOM FROM WHICH NO ONE CAN ESCAPE AND ONCE AGAIN TWO HEROIC FIGURES **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** THE BOY WONDER PIT THEIR AMAZING SKILL IN A SUPREME EFFORT TO HALT THIS PARADE OF CRIME"

BY BOB KANE

LESS THAN TWO DAYS AGO THE **BATMAN** HAD SEEN THE **JOKER** THRUST INTO A CELL TO AWAIT TRIAL IN HIS CELL THE WILY **JOKER** PLANS ESCAPE

JAIL ME WILL THEY! A MAN OF MY INTELLECT? I'LL ESCAPE AND MAKE THEM PAY FOR THIS INSULT!

ACROSS THE SATURNINE FACE FLITS THE GHASTLY GRIN THE TERRIBLE SMILE OF THE **JOKER**!

AND THAT **BATMAN** AND THE BOY IF EVER I MEET THEM AGAIN BUT FIRST I MUST ESCAPE · NOW!!

FROM THE BACK OF HIS MOUTH THE JOKER UNSCREWS TWO FALSE TEETH!
INSIDE EACH TOOTH IS A CHEMICAL WHICH WHEN MIXED TOGETHER, FORMS A POWERFUL EXPLOSIVE - MY MEANS OF ESCAPE!
MOMENTS LATER A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION BLOWS A GAPING HOLE IN THE CELL WALL!!
FREEDOM! ALL REVOIR GENTLEMEN TILL WE MEET AGAIN-HA HA HA
STARTLING NEWS STIRS BRUCE WAYNE AND YOUNG DICK GRAYSON!!
FLASH! WE'VE JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT THE JOKER HAS JUST ESCAPED PRISON! AFTER MYSTERIOUSLY BLOWING UP HIS CELL, HE OVERPOWERED TWO GUARDS AND
WELL I'LL BE -!
THE JOKER FREE! I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT!
I CAN! HE'S A VERY UNUSUAL MAN! HE'S SHREWD, SUBTLE AND ABOVE ALL RUTHLESS! MARK MY WORDS, THE JOKER WILL RETURN WITH A VENGEANCE!
AT THAT MOMENT A FIGURE GHOSTS THROUGH THE GLOOM THAT HANGS OVER THE DECAYING GRAVE-STONES OF A DESERTED CEMETERY!
THE PHANTOM LIKE FORM PUSHES AGAINST A CURIOUS GRAVESTONE. THE GROUND SLIPS AWAY REVEALING A YAWNING GAP AT HIS FEET
THE FIGURE DESCENDS INTO THE CRYPT A LIGHT IS TURNED ON AND REVEALS THE JOKER!!
HERE IN MY LABORATORY I WILL ONCE MORE LET ALL KNOW THAT THE JOKER IS STILL IN THE GAME AND IS STILL HIGH CARD!!
ONCE AGAIN AS PEOPLE LISTEN AT RADIOS COMES THAT BREATHLESS AND DEADLY VOICE A MESSAGE OF DOOM!!
HAWK ME AIR ME NOW! TO THE FOLLOWERS I BRING DEATH! AT TEN O'CLOCK THE JOKER HAS SPOKEN!

THAT NIGHT A POLICE CORDON PROTECTS THE MAN MARKED FOR DEATH!
HE WOULDN'T DARE NOT TO A POLICE CHIEF! HE WOULDN'T DARE! ALMOST TIME... ALMOST TIME...
SUDDENLY THE JINGLE OF THE TELEPHONE BELL
WHO? YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO THE CHIEF? JUST A MINUTE I'LL PUT HIM ON!
WHAT! I CAN'T HEAR YOU SPEAK LOUDER!
AAAAAAAAAG!
JOKER
THE CLOCK TOLLS THE HOUR TEN O'CLOCK THE JOKER HAS STRUCK AGAIN!
DEAD! HE'S DEAD!
LOOK! ON HIS FACE THAT TERRIBLE GRIN THE SIGN OF DEATH FROM THE JOKER!
SEE THERE IN HIS EAR A DART! MUST HAVE HAD THAT "JOKER" POISON ON IT!
SURE THE JOKER MUST HAVE SET IT IN THE RECEIVER HE BLASTED A WORD INTO IT STRONG ENOUGH TO SET UP VIBRATIONS THAT BLEW THE DART INTO THE EAR CLEVER GUY EH!
THE FOLLOWING DAY A FAMOUS PAINTING IS STOLEN FROM A GALLERY AND IN ITS PLACE FOR ALL THE WORLD TO SEE
THE JOKER AGAIN!
A RARE GEM IS STOLEN THE OWNER GRINNING IN DEATH AS IF HE ENJOYED THE VISIT FROM THE JOKER!
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ONCE MORE THE MOURNFUL VOICE OF THE GRIM JESTER IS HEARD!
AWWK! TO-NIGHT AT EIGHT SHARP I WILL ENTER THE DRAKE MUSEUM AND STEAL THE CLEOPATRA NECKLACE THE JOKER HAS SPOKEN!
AND I'LL STOP YOU THE BATMAN HAS SPOKEN!
THAT NIGHT DETERMINED POLICE GUARD THE PRECIOUS NECKLACE!
THE JOKER WOULDN'T DARE SHOW UP!
YOU HOPE!
ALMOST EIGHT O'CLOCK! GOSH! I'M GETTING JUMPY!
AS THE CLOCK STRIKES THE FATAL HOUR THE LID OF A MUMMY CASE QUIETLY OPENS!
THERE THE MELANCHOLY JOKER AND HIS VENOM GUN!
THE JOKER! AAUGH!
WHY BE SO SURPRISED YOU WERE EXPECTING ME!
CLEOPATRA'S NECKLACE FROM HER LILY WHITE NECK WHA...?
I'D LIKE TO PUT MY HANDS AROUND YOUR LILY WHITE NECK!
FROM THE SHADOWS
I MIGHT ASK YOU THE SAME QUESTION!
BATMAN! HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?
THE MIGHTY BATMAN IS UPON THE SURPRISED JOKER BEFORE HE CAN USE HIS VENOM GUN!
WHY DON'T YOU LAUGH NOW, MR. JOKER?
THE JOKER FIGHTING WITH THE STRENGTH OF A MADMAN UNLEASHES A SMASHING BLOW!
I WILL YET LAUGH, MY FRIEND!

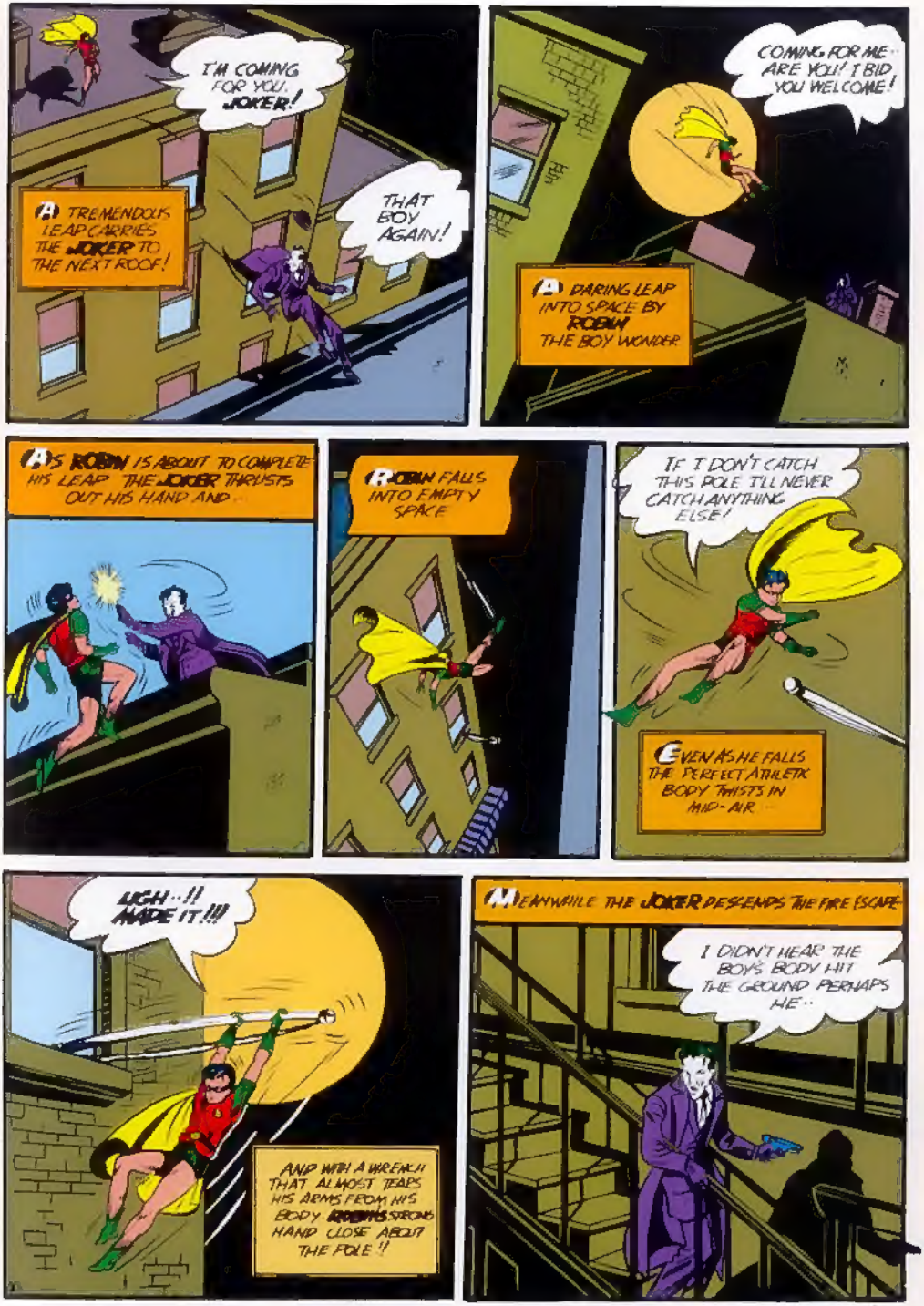
THE MADMAN REACHES FOR AN ANCIENT MACE!
I'LL FINISH YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL MR BATMAN. HA HA HA HA
A SHEER, DESPERATE TWIST OF THE BATMAN'S BODY AND THE MACE GIVES HIM A GLANCING BLOW ON THE SIDE OF THE HEAD
SUDDENLY THE POUNDING OF RUNNING FEET RAISED VOICES
THE POLICE FROM DOWNSTAIRS THEY MUSN'T FIND ME!
IT'S AFTER EIGHT! LETS SEE IF THE BOYS ARE ALL RIGHT!
LOOK! THE JOKERS BEEN HERE! THE NECKLACE IS GONE!
THE BOYS: THEY ALL HAVE THE SIGN OF THE JOKER ON THEIR FACES!
NEVER MIND THE JOKER, LOOK WHAT I FOUND-THE BATMAN
THE BATMAN! WELL WE HAVE CAUGHT SOMEBODY! NOW I'M GOING TO DO SOMETHING I'VE WANTED TO DO FOR A LONG TIME- TAKE OFF THE BATMAN'S MASK AND SEE WHO HE REALLY IS!
A HAND REACHES OUT TO WRENCH OFF BATMAN'S COWL!
WILL THE COWL BE TAKEN OFF?
IF THE BATMAN IS REVEALED AS BRUCE WAYNE MR. ACCLER AS ANEMESIS OF CRYME IS FINISHED!
IS THIS THE END OF THE MIGHTY BATMAN?

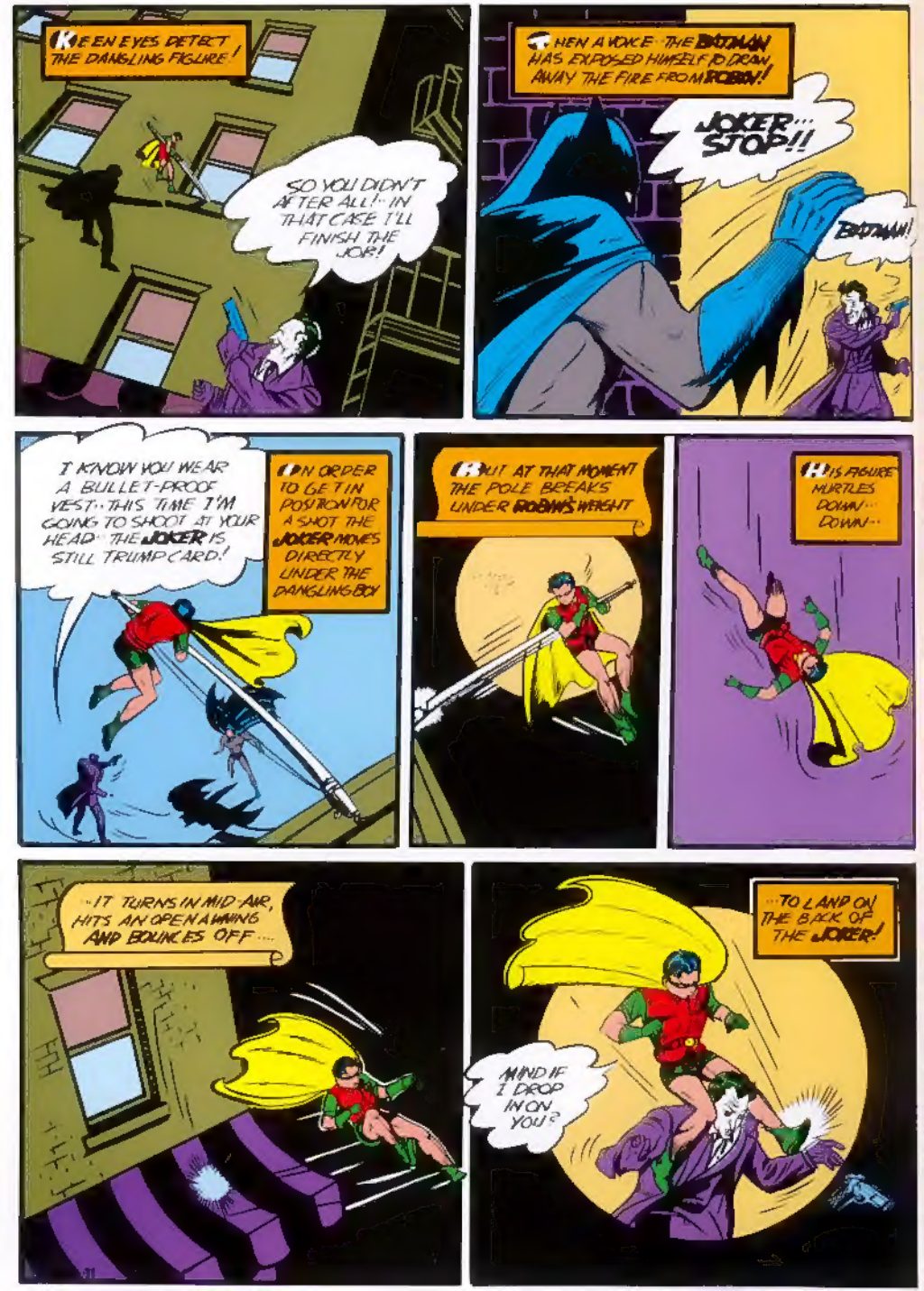
WITH STARTLING ABRUPTNESS THE INERT FIGURE SPRINGS OFF THE FLOOR!!
SORRY, BOYS, BUT I'M NOT QUITE READY FOR JAIL!
THE POLICE SEE THE MANTLED FIGURE LEAP THROUGH THE WINDOW TO APPARENTLY DROP TO THE GROUND BELOW!
STOP HIM! HE'S GOING TO TRY A DROP TO THE GROUND!
BUT WHAT THE POLICE DO NOT SEE IS THE BATMAN'S STRONG HANDS ARM-BAR THE EDGE OF THE OVERHANGING ROOF!! A SWING OUT!
A POWERFUL SHOVE A TWIST UPWARD
AND THE BATMAN ROLLS UP OVER THE LIP OF THE ROOF!
NICE TRICK I DO IT AND I DID!
GONE!--NOT A SIGN OF HIM! THE BATMAN! WATTAMAN!!
FAILURE OF THE POLICE TO CAPTURE THE JOKER MOVES A REFORMER, EDGAR MARTIN, TO PUBLIC SPEECHES!
IF THE POLICE CAN'T DO IT WE MUST! I TELL YOU THIS FIENDISH CRIMINAL MUST BE CAUGHT!
HE'S RIGHT! THE JOKER SLIME IS MAKING THE POLICE LOOK SILLY!

IN HIS LAIR THE JOKER PLOTS
EDGAR MARTIN TALKS TOO MUCH HE MIGHT GET A SORE THROAT FROM TALKING SO MUCH! I HAVE A MEDICINE FOR HIM IN THIS TEST TUBE!
AGAIN THE MOCKING TONES OF THE HARLEQUIN OF HATE!!
EDGAR MARTIN I AM DISPLEASED WITH YOUR TALK OF ME! PREPARE TO DIE! TOMORROW NIGHT AT NINE SHARP! THE JOKER HAS SPOKEN!
THE JOKER DIE... NINE O'CLOCK!!
THE FATEFUL NIGHT
YOU'VE GOT TO HELP! HE'S KILLED OTHERS, HE'LL KILL ME TOO!
LISTEN, MARTIN THIS HOUSE IS OVER RUN WITH COPS! A MOUSE COULDN'T GET IN HERE, MUCH LESS THE JOKER!
RELAX ONE OF THE BOYS MUST HAVE LEFT THOSE CARDS FOR YOU! WHY NOT PLAY SOME SOLITAIRE?
YOU'RE RIGHT, IT MIGHT TAKE MY MIND OFF THINGS!
MARTIN SHUFFLES THE CARDS!
DARN IT! CUT MYSELF ON THE EDGES SURE ARE SHARP - BRAND NEW DECK!
AS MARTIN LAYS OUT THE FIRST CARD HE SEES-
WHA- THE JOKER!
THE MAN BECOMES PANIC-STRICKEN COLD TERROR CLUTCHES HIS HEART
JOKERS! ALL JOKERS!!

1. FRENZIED SHRIEK!
AAAAAGH!!
2. MARTIN HAS PLAYED CARDS WITH DEATH!
THE JOKER GOT HIM BUT HOW?
THE SHARP EDGES ON THESE CARDS MUST HAVE HAD HIS POISON ON THEM! MARTIN CUT HIMSELF ON THEM! THE JOKER PLANTED THE CARDS HERE ENSURING THAT WOULD HAPPEN
THE NEXT DAY BRUCE WAYNE VISITS HIS FRIEND, POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON!
I TELL YOU, BRUCE, IF WE DON'T CATCH THE JOKER THEY'LL BE CALLING IN THE BATMAN TO TAKE OVER MY JOB!
THAT WOULD BE BAD, WOULDN'T IT? BUT I THINK I HAVE AN IDEA HOW TO GET THE JOKER
EVIDENTLY THE JOKER LIKES JEWELS BECAUSE MOST OF HIS CRIMES CONCERN THEIR THEFT! NOW, WHY NOT GIVE HIM A JEWEL TO STEAL THAT WOULD TRAP HIM!!
OF COURSE! PLAY UP A FAMOUS GEM AND WHEN HE COMES FOR IT POOF! HE'S CAUGHT!
I'LL GET THE NEWSPAPERS TO PLAY UP THE FAMOUS FIRE RUBY! ITS OWNER WILL COOPERATE WITH US, AFTER WE GET THROUGH PUBLICIZING THE RUBY THE JOKER WON'T BE ABLE TO STAY AWAY!
THE FOLLOWING DAYS SEE MANY REFERENCES TO THE FIRE RUBY IN THE NEWSPAPERS
The
MR. JOHNSON OWNER OF FIRE RUBY ESTIMATES ITS VALUE AT $100,000
THE JOKER SCANS THE NEWS WITH INTEREST!
THE FIRE RUBY AGAIN! "SO MUCH PUBLICITY" COULD IT BE A TRAP?? HOW I WOULD LIKE TO OWN THE GEM!
JEWELS MY PRETTY JEWELS!! HOW I WOULD LOVE TO ADD THE FIRE RUBY TO MY COLLECTION! I MUST HAVE IT!" I MUST!!!

THE JOKER NIBBLES AT THE BAIT!!
TOMORROW NIGHT AT EXACTLY NINE O'CLOCK I WILL STEAL THE FIRE RUBY! THE JOKER HAS SPOKEN!
NEXT NIGHT THE JOKER WALKS AGAIN!!
SOME TIME LATER A FIGURE PAUSES OUTSIDE A BALCONY WINDOW THEN!!
SUDDENLY LIGHTS BLAZE ON THE JOKER IS AT LAST TRAPPED!!
PUT UP YOUR HANDS JOKER WE'VE GOT YOU NOW!
YOUR GAS GUN WONT DO ANY GOOD AGAINST OUR MASKS BETTER GIVE UP!!
THE CUNNING JOKER SWIFTLY DROPS TO THE FLOOR BLAZING AWAY
IF MY JOKER VENOM DONT GET YOU, — BULLETS WILL!
TRY TO GET THE JOKER WILL YOU!
THE JOKER MAKES FOR THE ROOF
BUT ON THE ROOF ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER!
AT LAST! THE JOKER! HE'S GOT TO BE STOPPED!!


I'M COMING FOR YOU, JOKER!
A TREMENDOUS LEAP CARRIES THE JOKER TO THE NEXT ROOF!
THAT BOY AGAIN!
COMING FOR ME... ARE YOU! I BID YOU WELCOME!
A DARING LEAP INTO SPACE BY ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
AS ROBIN IS ABOUT TO COMPLETE HIS LEAP THE JOKER THRUSTS OUT HIS HAND AND...
ROBIN FALLS INTO EMPTY SPACE
IF I DON'T CATCH THIS POLE I'LL NEVER CATCH ANYTHING ELSE!
EVEN AS HE FALLS THE PERFECT ATHLETIC BODY TWISTS IN MID-AIR...
UGH..!! MADE IT!!!
AND WITH A WRENCH THAT ALMOST TEARS HIS ARMS FROM HIS BODY ROBIN'S STRONG HAND CLOSE ABOUT THE POLE!!
MEANWHILE THE JOKER DESCENDS THE FIRE ESCAPE
I DIDN'T HEAR THE BOY'S BODY HIT THE GROUND PERHAPS HE...


KEEN EYES DETECT THE DANGLING FIGURE!
SO YOU DIDN'T AFTER ALL!-- IN THAT CASE I'LL FINISH THE JOB!
WHEN A VOICE--THE BATMAN HAS EXPOSED HIMSELF TO DRAW AWAY THE FIRE FROM ROBIN!
JOKER... STOP!!
BATMAN!
I KNOW YOU WEAR A BULLET-PROOF VEST--THIS TIME I'M GOING TO SHOOT AT YOUR HEAD! THE JOKER IS STILL TRUMP CARD!
IN ORDER TO GET IN POSITION FOR A SHOT THE JOKER MOVES DIRECTLY UNDER THE DANGLING BOY
BUT AT THAT MOMENT THE POLE BREAKS UNDER ROBIN'S WEIGHT
HIS FIGURE HURTLES DOWN/... DOWN/...
...IT TURNS IN MID AIR, HITS AN OPEN AWNING AND BOUNCES OFF....
...TO LAND ON THE BACK OF THE JOKER!
MIND IF I DROP IN ON YOU?

THE BATMAN LEAPS TO THE ATTACK!
MR. JOKER, WHEN I GET THROUGH WITH YOU, YOU'LL LOOK LIKE THE DELICE!
THE JOKER GETS UP... ANOTHER BATTERING BLOW!
LOOK'S LIKE YOUR HOUSE OF CARDS IS TUMBLING!
NOT SO FAST WITH THE CUTLERY, FRIEND!
I'LL KILL YOU YET!
DOWN DOWN COMES THE KNIFE CLOSER CLOSER...
MIND IF I TRY TO STOP YOU?
THE BATMAN SIDE STEPS... THE KILLER CLOWN STUMBLES FORWARD INTO THE BUILDING DRIVING THE KNIFE INTO HIS OWN CHEST!
THE MADMAN STAGGERS BACK TO LOOK DOWN UNBELIEVINGLY AT THE KNIFE IN HIS CHEST
-NO-NO-IT CAN'T BE TRUE--YET-THERE IT IS--
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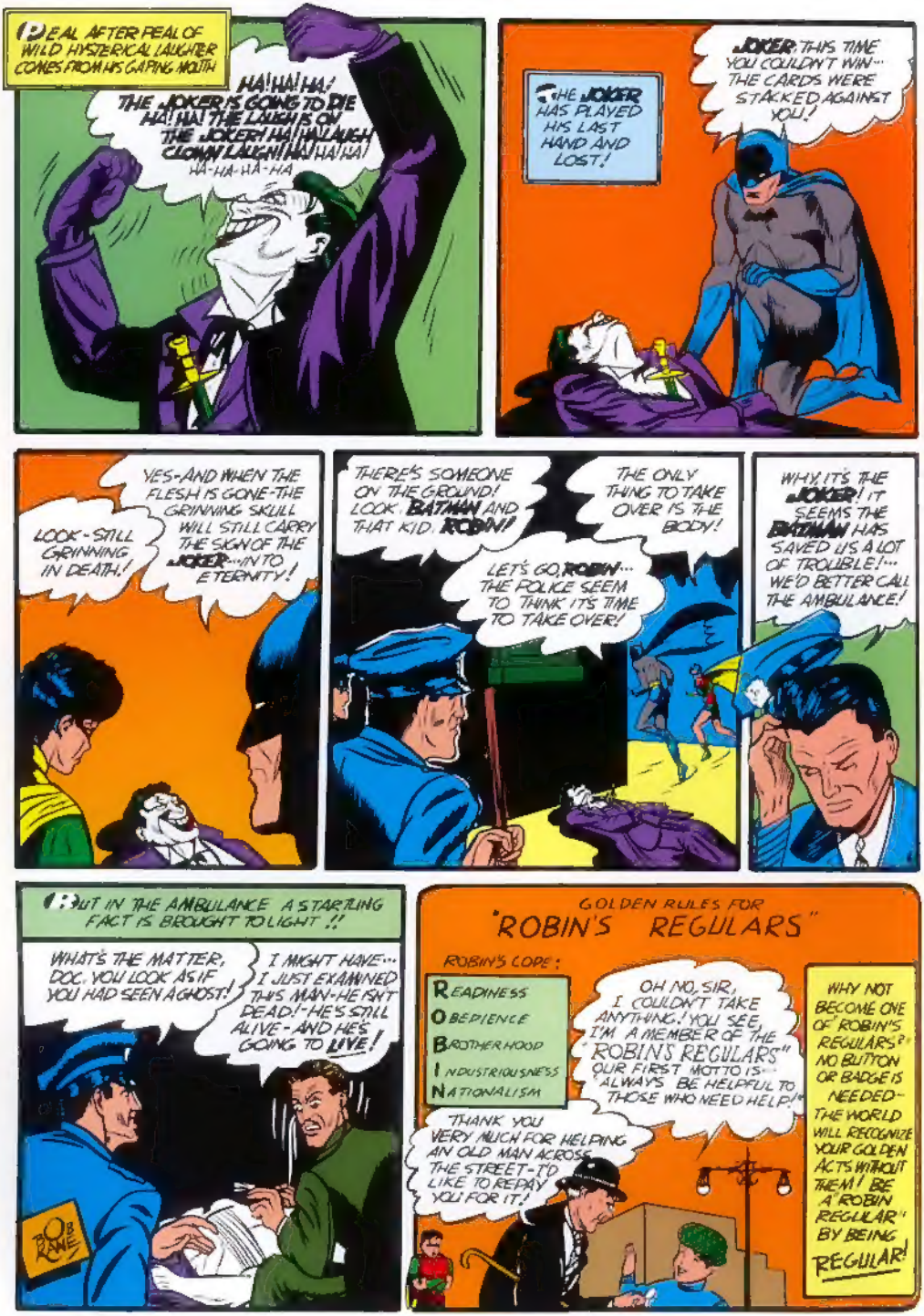
DEAL AFTER REAL OF WILD HYSTERICAL LAUGHTER COMES FROM HIS GAPING MOUTH
HA! HA! HA! THE JOKER IS GOING TO DIE HA! HA! THE LAUGH IS ON THE JOKER! HA! HA! LAUGH CLOWN LAUGH! HA! HA! HA! HA-HA-HA-HA
THE JOKER HAS PLAYED HIS LAST HAND AND LOST!
JOKER, THIS TIME YOU COULDN'T WIN... THE CARDS WERE STACKED AGAINST YOU!
LOOK - STILL GRINNING IN DEATH!
YES - AND WHEN THE FLESH IS GONE - THE GRINNING SKULL WILL STILL CARRY THE SIGN OF THE JOKER... IN TO ETERNITY!
THERE'S SOMEONE ON THE GROUND! LOOK, BATMAN AND THAT KID, ROBIN!
THE ONLY THING TO TAKE OVER IS THE BODY!
LET'S GO, ROBIN... THE POLICE SEEM TO THINK IT'S TIME TO TAKE OVER!
WHY, IT'S THE JOKER! IT SEEMS THE BATMAN HAS SAVED US A LOT OF TROUBLE!... WE'D BETTER CALL THE AMBULANCE!
BUT IN THE AMBULANCE A STARTLING FACT IS BROUGHT TO LIGHT !!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, DOC, YOU LOOK AS IF YOU HAD SEEN A GHOST!
I MIGHT HAVE... I JUST EXAMINED THIS MAN - HE SAT DEAD! - HE'S STILL ALIVE - AND HE'S GOING TO LIVE!
BOB KANE
GOLDEN RULES FOR "ROBIN'S REGULARS"
ROBIN'S CODE:
READINESS
OBEDIENCE
BROTHERHOOD
INDUSTRIOUSNESS
NATIONALISM
OH NO, SIR, I COULDN'T TAKE ANYTHING! YOU SEE, I'M A MEMBER OF THE "ROBIN'S REGULARS" OUR FIRST MOTTO IS... "ALWAYS BE HELPFUL TO THOSE WHO NEED HELP!"
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HELPING AN OLD MAN ACROSS THE STREET - I'D LIKE TO REPAY YOU FOR IT!
WHY NOT BECOME ONE OF ROBIN'S REGULARS? NO BUTTON OR BADGE IS NEEDED - THE WORLD WILL RECOGNIZE YOUR GOLDEN ACTS WITHOUT THEM! BE A "ROBIN REGULAR" BY BEING REGULAR!